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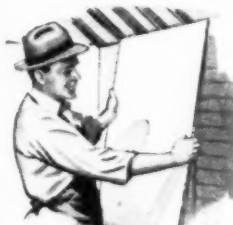
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LETTERS

To the Editor

Technical data wanted

To the Editor: We say *amen* to your August editorial, especially to the statement: "Our most difficult, and at the same time most important job, is to make practical, useful, technical information available for co-ordinated use of small firms"—such as ours.

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Also, we want to build, live in, and test a "TEST HOME." Whom do we contact to find out what should be and may be incorporated in such a home, and what arrangements can be made for the building and testing?

Let's go, *American Builder*! You are, and have been, the best magazine in the field—we're depending on you. —E. F. STUNTZ, Stuntz-Yeoman Co., Frankfort, Ind.

Committing suicide?

To the Editor: The building business is committing suicide when it keeps demanding financing which only Government can do, and it is being unreasonable to seek to continue to do business on a profit basis *itself*, while asking other businessmen to function at *no* profit.

For the life of me I can't understand why building supply manufacturers, contractors and building supply dealers don't realize that if the time ever comes that they have to rely on the *Government* for mortgage credit, their own business lives will be so regulated that their businesses, too, will be at the point of socialization.

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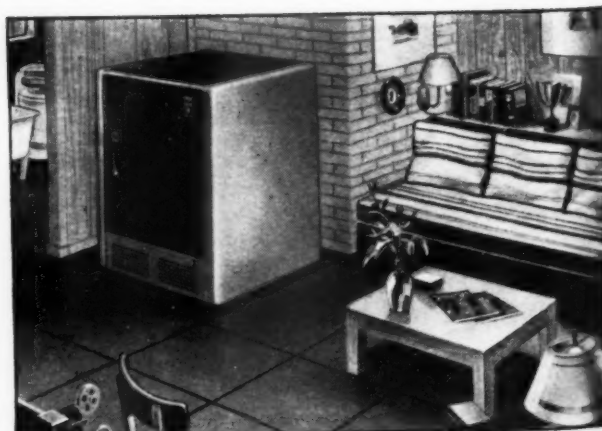
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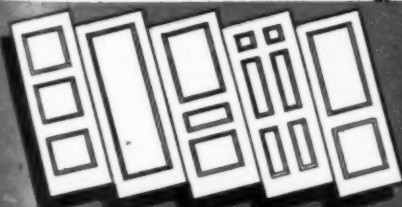
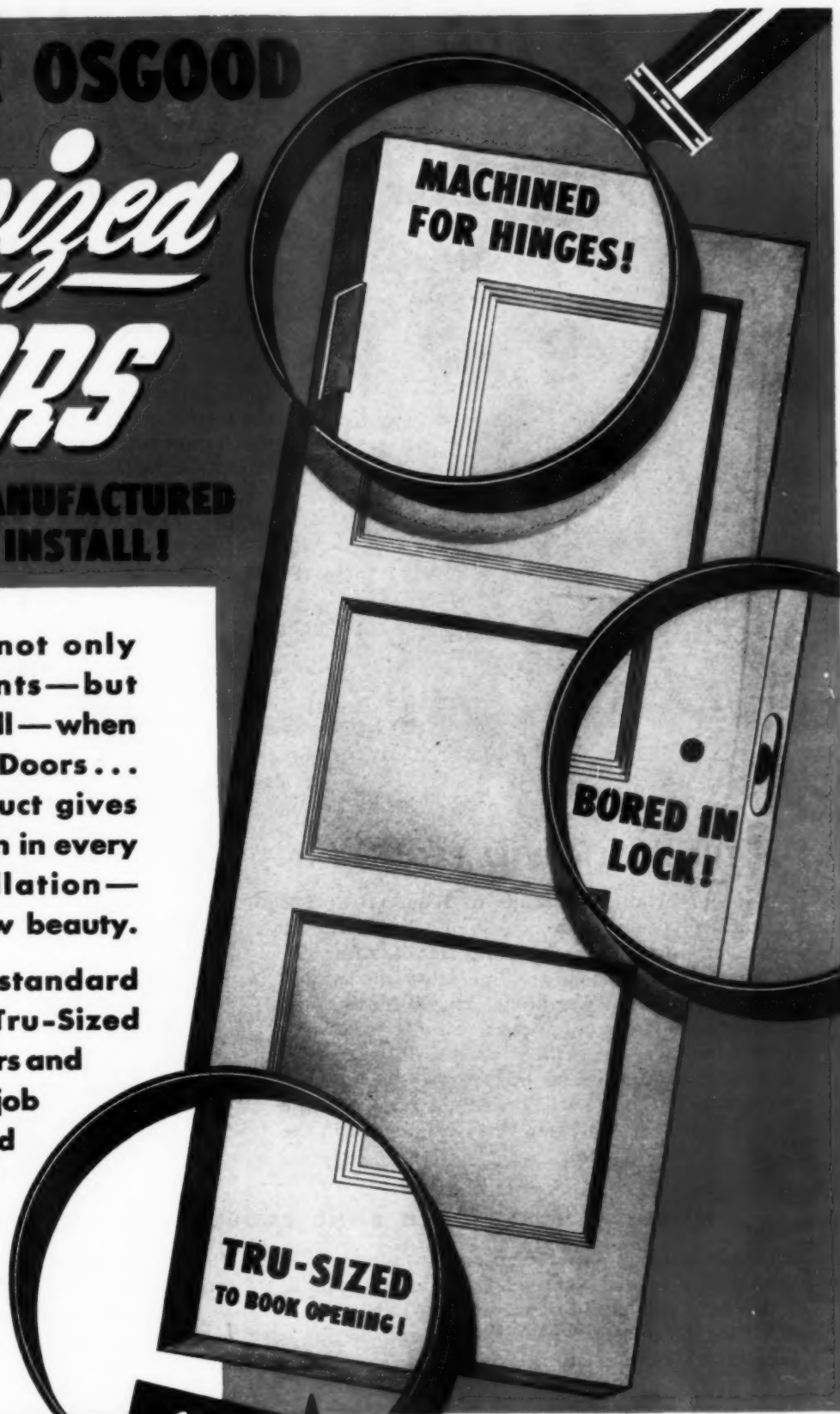
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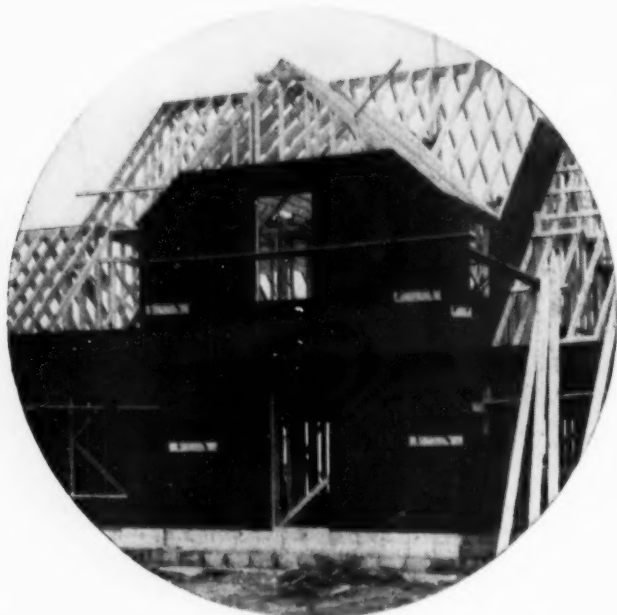
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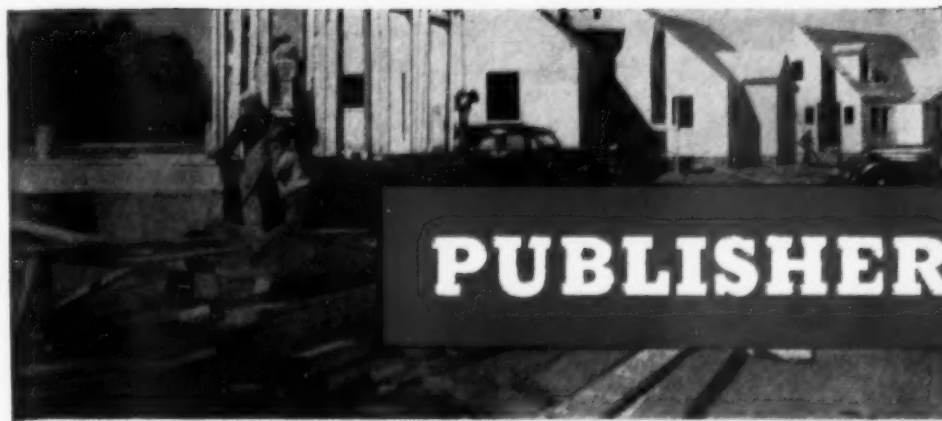
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Government Controls After the War

THE war with Germany will soon end. The War Production Board estimates this will make practicable a reduction at an annual rate of about \$35 billion, or 35 per cent, in production for war. The war with Japan will be won much sooner thereafter than was formerly anticipated.

The economic problems of peace may be more difficult than those of war. The most difficult will be that of so changing the relations of government and business as to make possible a long period of prosperity. Business is now subject to many more government controls than during the last war. In due time all the controls established for war purposes should be abolished. But how soon?

Some important experience after the last war should not be disregarded. There were then virtually no controls of wages and prices. Between 1916 (before we entered the war) and 1918 average wholesale prices of all commodities increased 54 per cent and prices of building materials 30 per cent. Total production declined in 1919, but non-farm residential and farm construction increased from \$1,455 million in 1918 to \$2,556 million in 1919. Demand for civilian goods increasing faster than supply, wholesale prices of all commodities rose in 1920 to 80 per cent higher, and wholesale prices of building materials to 120 per cent higher, than in pre-war 1916. The increase of construction then halted, general business declined, and average wholesale prices of all commodities, and also of building materials, declined 37 per cent in 1921 compared with 1920. Business, having made large purchases at the high prices of 1919 and 1920, suffered huge losses on inventories due to the terrific decline of prices in 1921. Prosperity—including a large volume of construction—prevailed during the seven years 1923-1929, inclusive, on a basis of wholesale prices in general averaging

about 16 per cent higher and of building material prices averaging about 47 per cent higher than in pre-war 1916.

Prices have increased less during this war than during the last one. In the two years 1916 to 1918, as already shown, wholesale prices in general increased 54 per cent and prices of building materials 120 per cent. In the three years from pre-war May, 1941, to May, 1944, prices in general increased only 41 per cent and prices of building materials only 15 per cent. Nobody desires another such upsurge of prices as occurred immediately after the last war, because it would be followed, as then, by a sharp recession of business and decline of prices causing heavy losses on inventories. There seems only one available means of preventing such developments, and that is a post-war continuance, with gradual relaxation, of government controls of prices until production can substantially increase.

Nobody dislikes and fears government interference with business more than this paper. Business should insist as soon as the war with Germany ends on the government lifting every restriction on the production and use of materials for civilian purposes that is not demonstrably incompatible with the swift defeat of Japan. The best way to prevent harmful advances in prices is to make supply equal demand. But the law of supply and demand has been largely suspended by government controls during the war, and it will take some time to make production and supply of many commodities equal the accumulated demand. Fortunately, because one war will end before the other, there will be a period of transition; and every possible advantage should be taken of this period to transfer from a war toward a peace basis.

Samuel O. Druan,

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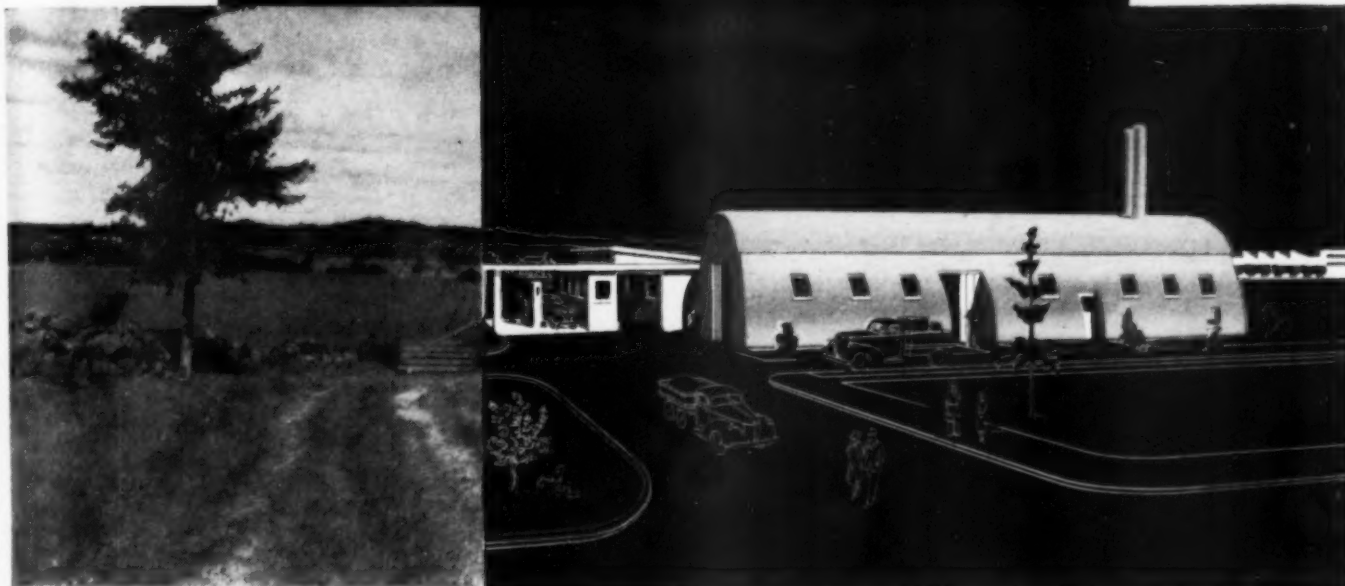
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INDUSTRY GOES RURAL



For one reason or another—availability of manpower, economy of supply, improvement of living conditions—the trend of industry is toward decentralized units in rural localities. Yesterday's "whistle-stops" will become thriving and prosperous communities through the construction of processing plants, sub-assembly factories and warehouses.

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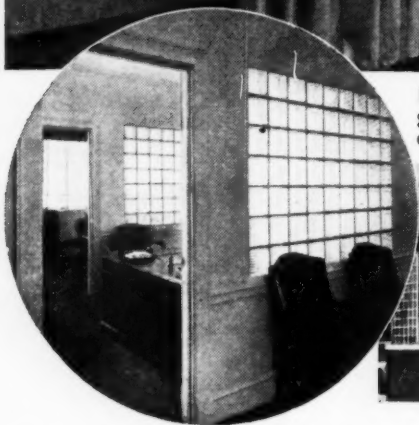
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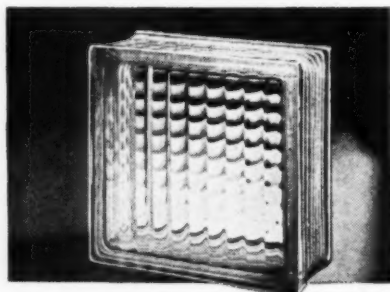
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In the correctly planned home of the future, it will no longer be necessary to enter a dark room or hallway—grope for the light switch—or leave burning lights behind.

Multiple control by conveniently placed switches will permit home owners to "keep light ahead of them"—when and where they want it, at all times.

But multiple lighting control is just ONE of the many conveniences and economies that result from "better wiring for better living!"

The Westinghouse Better Homes Department was created to assist the building profession in the planning of postwar housing—and to supply authoritative information on all phases of proper application of electricity in 194X homes.

Specifically, our Better Homes Department housing specialists will be glad to give you free technical advice on:

Placing of lighting controls and outlets.

Selection and application of fixed electrical equipment in 194X homes.

Dimensions and clearances, for proper installation and access for servicing

Location and size of wiring, water supply, and drainage lines.

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LONG AGO, Bird determined that any product that bore this name should be of the highest quality consistent with the classification for which it was designed.

But quality is made up of such a lot of little things, that Bird found it impossible to maintain quality unless every step in production was controlled. So Bird owns and operates its own factories to control the vital raw materials for Bird products.

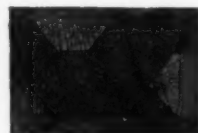
This policy of Controlled Production makes a difference you can actually see and feel. For example, take the Bird Master-Bilt Shingles. Controlled Production starts with the first manufacturing step. The tough layer of felt that acts as the base is produced in Bird's own felt plant, to specifications laid down in Bird laboratories.

Then the waterproofing asphalt is not only controlled as to quality and amount, but is actually reinforced, for a longer weather-

proof life. The color pigments, that give all Bird shingles their enviable tones, must also measure up to precise standards.

Now note the distinctive thick butts on Master-Bilt Shingles, pioneered by Bird to add greater thickness where it does the greatest good. In a similar way, Bird introduced coarse granules to give greater protection to the asphalt underneath—shielding it from the sun's rays, providing "expansion joints" to counteract temperature changes, adding years of life to the shingle. Indeed, each detail of construction is rigidly controlled by a completely balanced formula for production.

Of course, there are easier ways to make a shingle. But Bird has found that Controlled Production makes a difference that goes all the way through, adding extra beauty and durability to all those Bird products so well known to architects and builders.



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The products illustrated on this page are splendid examples of CONTROLLED PRODUCTION: (1) Bird TRI-TAB HEX Shingle—colorful draft-free—wind-resistant. (2) The Bird MASTER-BILT Shingle described on this page. (3) Bird INSULATED SIDING, in varied attractive brick tones: magically modernizes sidewalls, with built-in insulation for all-year comfort.

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MAN BITES DOG!

"Cut down on corporation taxes after the war? I'd cut 'em out!"

—LEON HENDERSON

... before the Executives' Club of Chicago



Not reduced, mind you. Not even "pared way down"—eliminated!

Yes—when an Old New Dealer from way back tells the world that corporation taxes ought soon to be cut out altogether—that's news!

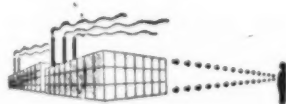
Beardsley Ruml (of Ruml Plan fame) has made the front pages again with a similar proposal—and many Administration leaders agree. Right after the war, they say, we must cut industry's tax load to the quick—quick—if we really want postwar expansion, postwar prosperity, postwar jobs!

Well, then—what's holding the thing up? If business and government just about agree, whom is the argument with?

A large part of the argument, sir, is with —YOU.

Or perhaps we should say, with most of the rest of us.

For most of the people don't realize how corporation taxes influence our whole economy—the jobs we can get, the pay we earn, the prices we pay. And until we do understand, our representatives in Congress probably won't act.



The people see corporations making big profits and say, "So let them pay big taxes. I do and they can, too!" That sounds fair enough—but what are those big corporation taxes doing to *your* chances of getting ahead?

For Here Is the Big Question...

In the face of heavy taxation, does business have enough incentive to invest and expand—to create new jobs, start new ventures, take real risks (for all new businesses are risks)?

Today, business earnings are taxed twice. First the Federal Government takes up to 85.5% of the profits through corporation taxes; then it takes up to 94% of what is left in individual income taxes on the dividends. In many cases the most successful man can hope to keep for himself out of the earnings of a successful venture is about \$2.00 out of each \$100.00 of profit—with the government taking the other \$98.00.

Is that enough? Would you bet \$100.00 at even money to win \$2.00? You certainly wouldn't.

If you figure that way on your own money, you can be sure that any man who has to invest a lot of his own and other people's money will feel and act the same way. And so our corporation taxes create a real danger that after the war business will just play safe with its money, instead of starting the new enterprisers that will give people good jobs and make the country hum with peacetime activity.

Your future may well depend on how this tax question is handled. But are you thinking about it? ... pointing out to people you see every day that if we really believe in the private-enterprise system we've got to keep it rolling?



And have you thought about questions like these:

What percentage of our national income do you want used to buy government services that must be paid for by taxes?

Do you want the government to collect extra taxes to try to keep the economy on an even keel—to prevent unhealthy booms and resultant depressions? Are you in favor of taxes made especially low in certain industries or types of enterprise for whose products or services the nation has a special need?

On the other hand, the man in the street asks:

"To maintain world leadership and help keep the peace, our postwar budget has to be large—and if the present taxes on business are lightened, whose taxes are to be made heavier?"

"Once corporation taxes are reduced, how do I know business won't use too much of its bigger profits to consolidate instead of to expand?"

Are you using your Mindpower to answer these questions? Are you *informed* enough to think straight about them?

For example, do you know what is suggested in the widely discussed new Ruml Tax Reform Plan? (You can find out by sending 25 cents to the National Planning Association, 184 East 64th Street, New York City, for a copy of "Fiscal and Monetary Policy," by Beardsley Ruml and H. Christian Sonne.)

Have you read "Fair Taxes Can Aid Tomorrow's Job Makers," by Eric Johnston, in *The Nation's Business* for April, 1944?— "Inflation and Tax Policies," by Roswell

Magill, *Academy of Political Science Proceedings*, January, 1944?—"Possibilities of Postwar Inflation and Suggested Tax Action," by M. S. Eccles, *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, March, 1944?

How about seeing your book dealer, and getting a copy of that classic on economics, "Progress and Poverty," by Henry George (95¢, Modern Library, Inc.)?—or "Production, Jobs and Taxes," by Harold M. Groves (\$1.25, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., Inc.)?

And remember—TIME will keep you up to date on all the new developments in this important (personally important) postwar debate.

TIME believes America's greatest need, now and in the coming years, is for the sovereign people to make up their minds and speak them out.

To do so, citizens must keep themselves informed. So, in advertisements like this, TIME is seeking to encourage wide thinking and reading not only of the newspapers and TIME, but also of books and periodicals that argue the cases and advance the causes that are in the news.

For TIME's own future is unalterably linked to a U.S. citizenry deeply concerned about public affairs—to a nation insistent upon seeking the truth and learning from recorded experience.

This is the fifth advertisement in a series TIME is publishing to get more Americans thinking. For 22 years that has been the job TIME's editors have been trying to do; now we harness the force of advertising to the same objective. This attempt to focus the full voltage of America's mindpower on the problem of changing corporation taxes to maintain the highest possible postwar level of business activity is appearing in more than 50 newspapers and magazines all across the country.



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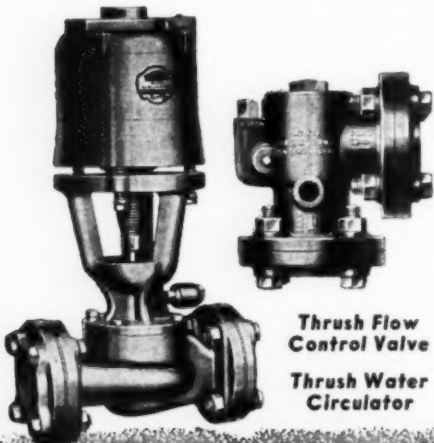
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HERE is an ideal example of Thrush Zone Control applied to the heating system of a combined business and fraternal or apartment building. The Masonic Temple at Elwood, Indiana, shown here, has seven zones, each of which is entirely independent of the others. The importance of this arrangement is obvious when you consider that the drug store is open more hours than the variety store or barber shop, while the kitchen, dining room and lodge rooms on the second floor are used only periodically. Each receives just the amount of heat it requires without overheating. The fuel saved is surprising. When compared with the cost of central city heating formerly used, the new Thrush installation is saving at least half the annual fuel bill. Owners of similar buildings, including apartments and larger residences, will thank you for telling them about Thrush Zone Control. Get all the facts now from your wholesaler or write Dept. G-9.



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WHAT ABOUT THE WALLS OF TOMORROW'S HOMES?

Consider the added responsibility they will face . . .

THE WALLS of the homes you build after the war will face added responsibilities.

You must provide adequate insulation, of course. But you must do more than that!

Air-conditioning makes it necessary that walls be so constructed that *moisture condensation within the walls is reduced to a minimum.*

With the Approved Insulite Wall of Protection, you solve these two problems. Here's what this wall gives you:

Double Insulation . . . PLUS Superior Bracing Strength . . . PLUS Protection against Moisture Condensation Within the Walls.

The drawings to the right explain, in principle, how the Approved Insulite Wall of Protection does its job. Below, the blueprint illustrations show details of construction. For complete information, write today for free "Scientific Facts" booklet. You'll find it interesting, helpful.



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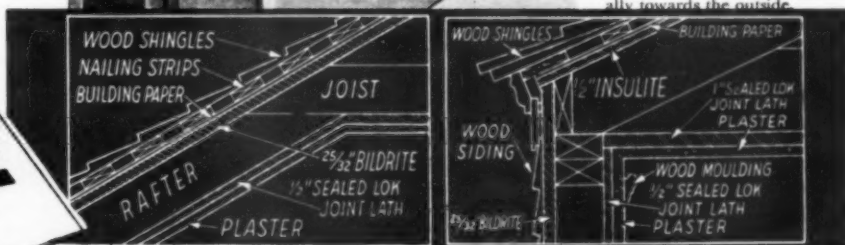
OUTSIDE THE STUDS, Insulite Bildrite Sheathing. The large boards provide a wind-proofed, weather-tight wall. Bildrite Sheathing has a bracing strength four times that of wood sheathing, horizontally applied.



INSIDE THE STUDS, Sealed Lok-Joint Lath, furnishes a second wall of insulation. The patented Lok-Joint provides a strong, rigid plastering surface, prevents joints from opening under trowel pressure.



How moisture condensation is effectively minimized in the Approved Insulite Wall of Protection. Sealed Lok-Joint Lath, with asphalt barrier against the studs effectively retards vapor travel. Bildrite Sheathing, being permeable to vapor, permits what little vapor escapes to pass naturally towards the outside.



ROOF CONSTRUCTION

• Insulite used under shingles and on the underside of the joists, provides effective resistance to heat and cold. An effective vapor barrier on the warm side of the construction is provided with Sealed Lok-Joint Lath.

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TO SELL WOMEN
THE THINGS
THEY **REALLY**
WANT!

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On and Off the Record

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H-2 FORECAST?—The H-2 program with its impossible restrictions and its continuation and extension of rules that builders hoped would be relaxed or removed has come as quite a shock to the industry. If this is an indication of what is ahead, it means builders will have to take off their coats, roll up their sleeves and go to work politically and every other way.

The time has already come when a large number of the rules and restrictions on building activity should be removed.

RELAXING CONTROLS—It will take even more intelligence to *relax* controls over materials, prices, and construction than it did to first apply them. There is no doubt that some forms of control—particularly control of prices—will have to continue for some time. There are many materials that will continue scarce and will have to be kept under priority to insure fair distribution. But this emphatically does not mean that every little job from Oshkosh to Oskaloosa must be controlled from Washington in every detail. After all, the local builder knows more about what kind of a house and what size should be built than anyone else. He should be allowed to build the kind of house his knowledge of the market tells him should be built.

PRICES ARE DIFFERENT—Control of material prices is a different matter. Until supply is able to approximately catch up with demand, it would be unwise to remove price control. You have only to look at the history of the last war and the years that followed to see what happens when there are no price controls. Building materials advanced 120 per cent. When they came down it ruined many firms.

The best answer to high prices is more building activity and more production. At present prices most industries can operate at a profit.

ERIC JOHNSON—Officials of the National Association of Home Builders are to be congratulated on having obtained Eric A. Johnson, dynamic president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, to speak at their fall conference September 25,

at Washington. As a manufacturer of electrical parts and of brick and tile products he has a personal interest in home building. He is today one of the foremost exponents of a dynamic form of private enterprise. Having him as a speaker is just another indication of the important stature of the NAHB.

CONVENTION PLANS—I have attended more conventions than I sometimes like to think about. In all of them, however, I have never encountered anything comparable to the plans now being made for the forthcoming annual convention and home show of the National Association of Home Builders at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago. The building exhibition will offer the first opportunities for builders to see on a national scale what the industry will actually have ready when peacetime building resumes.

Among many interesting ideas, preliminary plans call for the builders who attend the convention to sit at large glass-top tables in comfortable chairs with ample facilities for taking notes. This affair is to be the largest gathering of builders of homes the country has ever had.

FHA AND RESEARCH—The original FHA legislation provides that FHA shall make surveys and studies of housing materials and methods and publish them for the benefit of the public and the building industry. This is a pertinent fact to note at a time when a new bill is before Congress calling for a housing research law. Why has FHA not done more with its research work?

As a matter of fact, FHA did do a good job for many years. For a time it had some 18 research specialists, and in addition contributed \$50,000 annually to the Bureau of Standards to encourage research in home building methods.

The fact that FHA does not have an aggressive, stimulating, and helpful research department right now is just another indication of (a) lack of strong top leadership and (b) the stunting effects of control by the National Housing Agency.

Many of the FHA researchers have been taken into NHA. The whole department has been allowed to languish.

SCREEN TEST

(SOUTH PACIFIC)



THERE'S only one kind of screen test in the South Pacific—just ask a Navy man who chaperons a frisky PT boat on nightly forays against the enemy, and daytimes fights tropic damp and boredom in a hidden hut.

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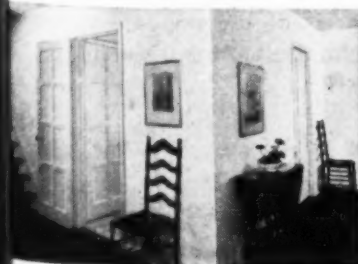
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There is dignity and beauty in this Curtis stairway, assembled from Curtis stock parts of Ponderosa Pine.



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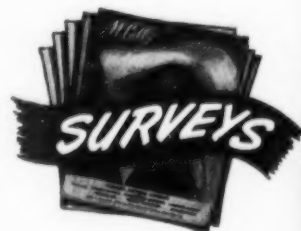
A Curtis mantel of traditional style will add an atmosphere of gracious living to any home. Designed by outstanding architects.

IMPORTANT TO EVERY BUILDER

Here are the facts about one of your
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Q. Is there a real demand for air conditioning in post-war homes?

A. Every survey shows a large and increasing demand. 54% of a group of prospective homebuilders contacted by the National Association of Homebuilders said they would not build nor buy if they could not get complete, year-round air conditioning. McCall's Magazine found 54% of its readers "liked and expected to get" air conditioning, while an additional 29% listed air conditioning as a "must" for their post-war homes. Other surveys confirm this decided trend.

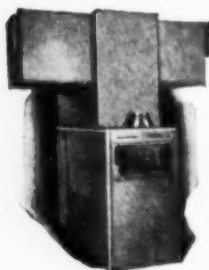


Q. Will equipment be available after the war to meet this demand?

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Q. What's "new and revolutionary" about the Servel Air Conditioner?

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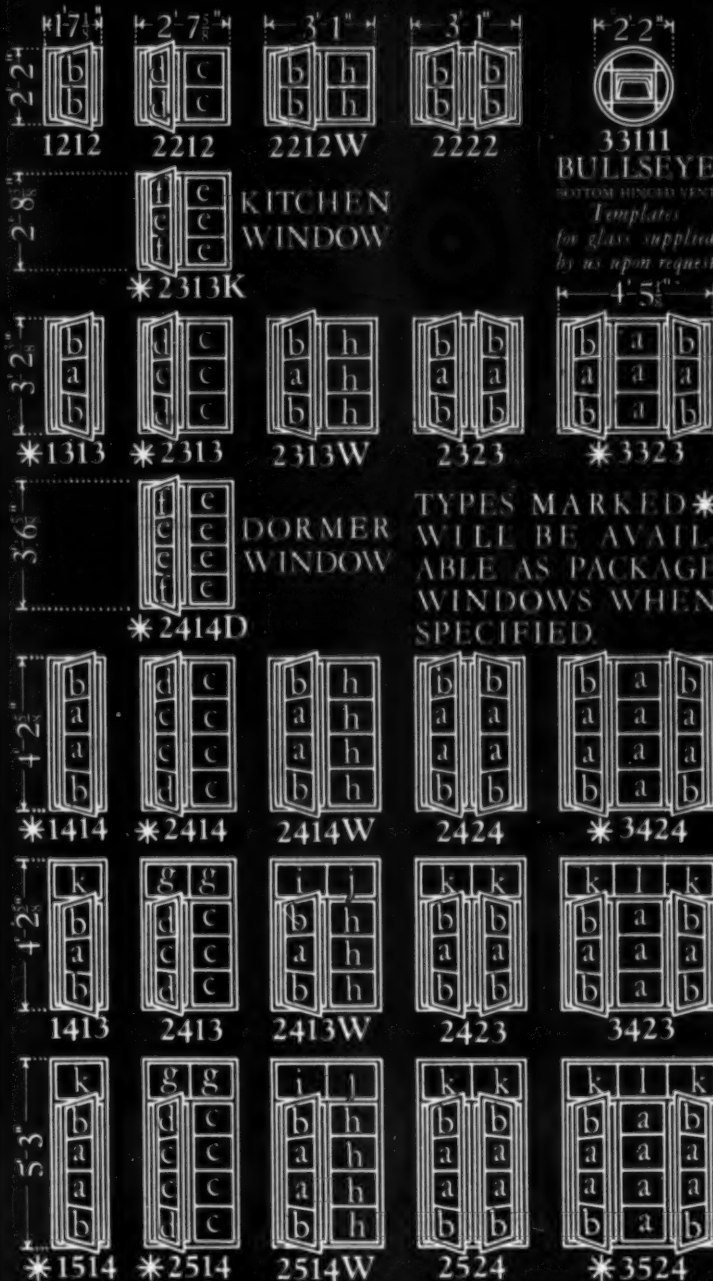
So if you want to save *time* as well as expenses . . . do as so many wartime builders have done . . . use Lehigh Early Strength Cement. Let the Lehigh Service Department help you solve your individual problems.



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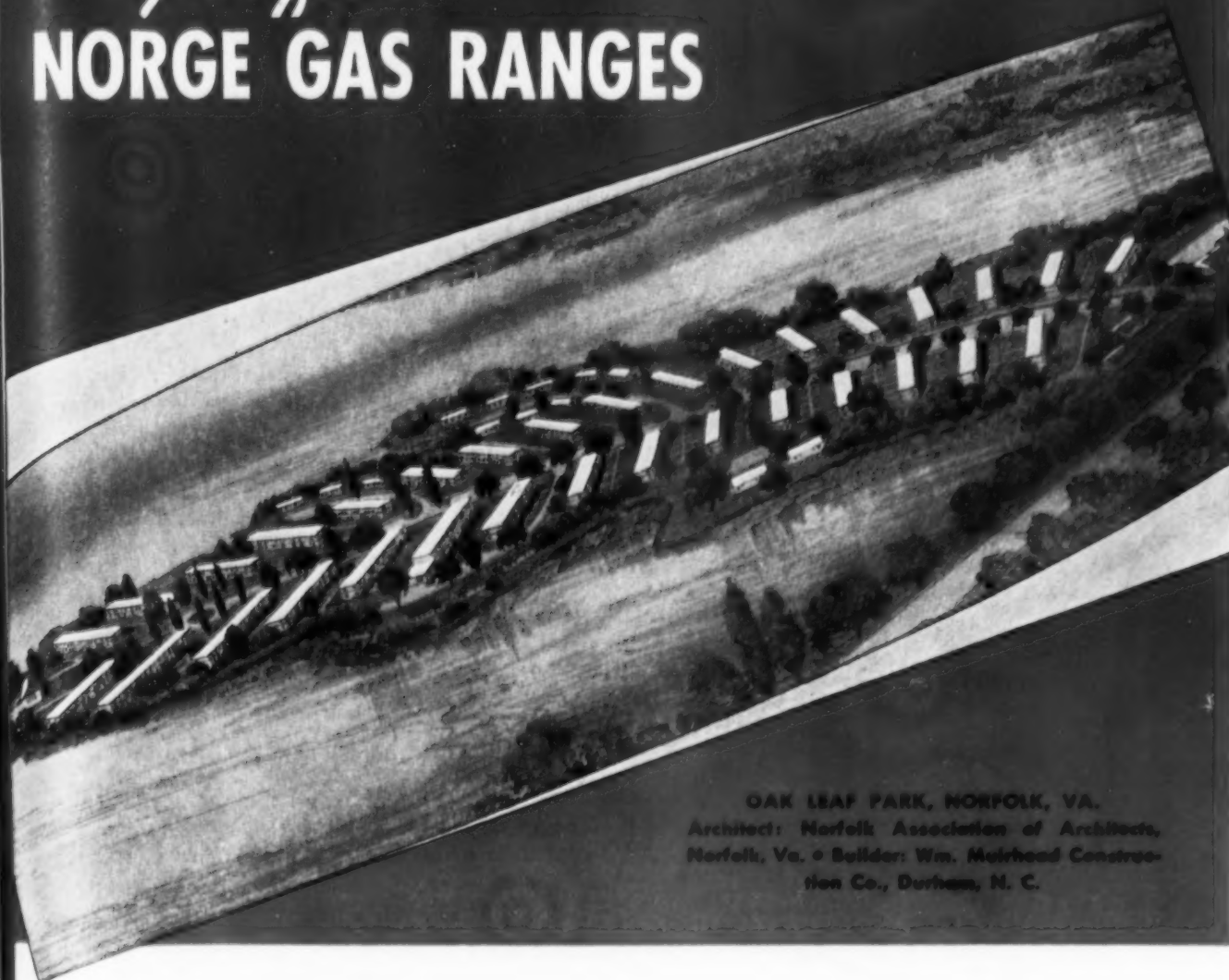
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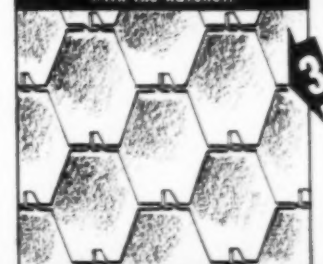
*Photograph of a section of roof deck blown off the building but the Cyclone Safety Shingles held fast.



A twist of the hatchet lifts one side of the slot cut in the lower course.



Insert locking slot of tab being laid with slot raised with the hatchet.



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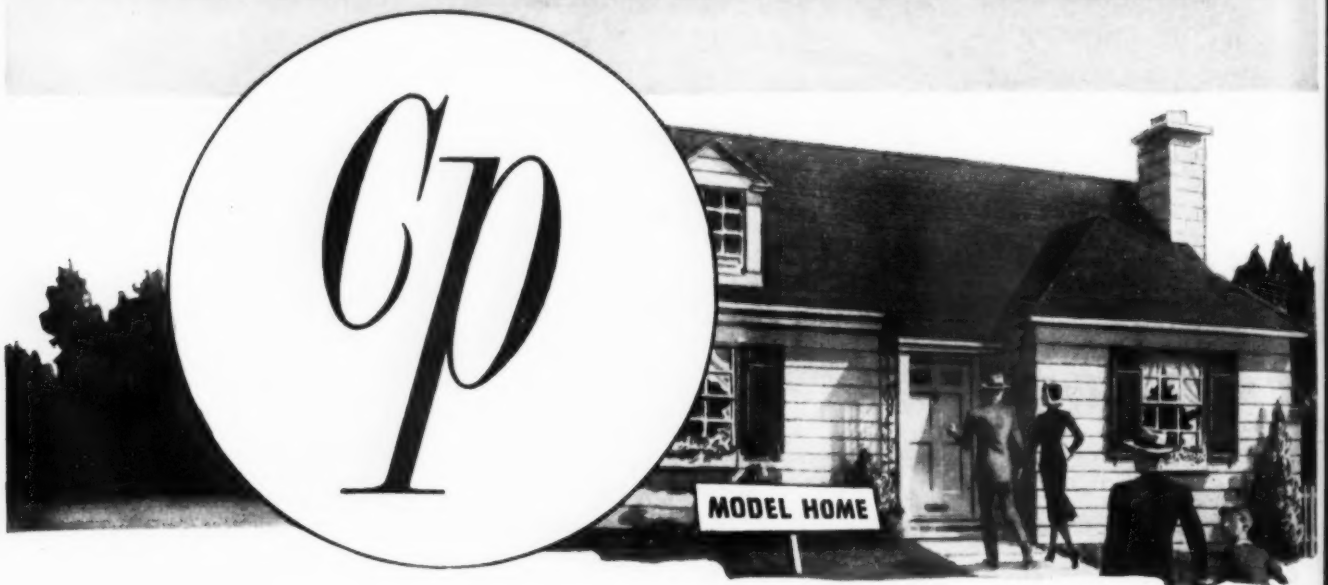
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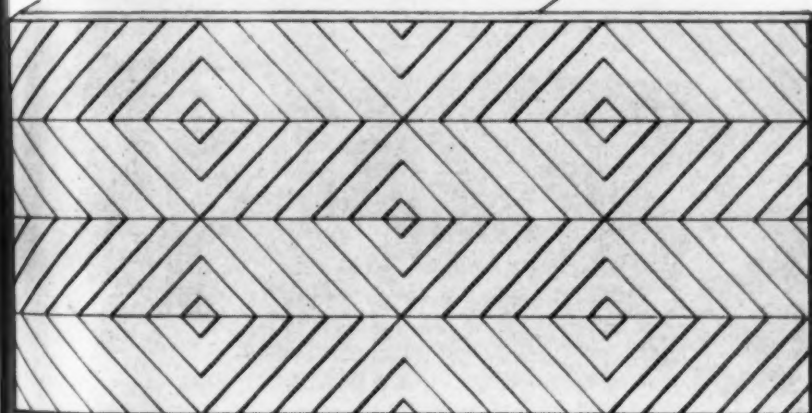
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on Custom-Built Garage Doors...

Although Crawford stock doors for residential garage application are so designed that they fit gracefully into all the popular and accepted architectural styles there will still be in postwar years as in previous years, a certain percentage of instances when doors of individual design will be indicated, especially so when the garage front is an integral part of the front of the house, as in the example illustrated.

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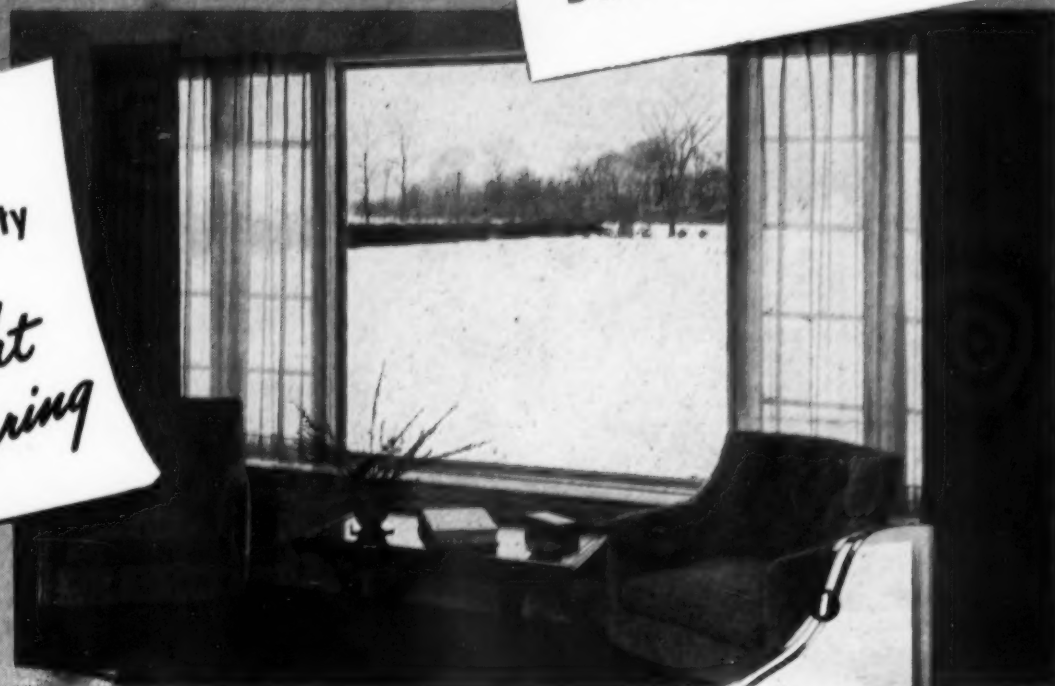
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Will this be the trend in postwar home construction?

You've heard a lot of fantastic predictions about postwar housing . . . but there has been some good sound thinking, too.

Leaders in the construction field are coming to the conclusion that homes *designed, built, and financed complete with labor-saving equipment* will hold the center of the postwar stage.

It is becoming more and more evident that houses equipped with electric range, refrigerator, dishwasher, automatic heating, and other electrical appliances will have greater consumer appeal.

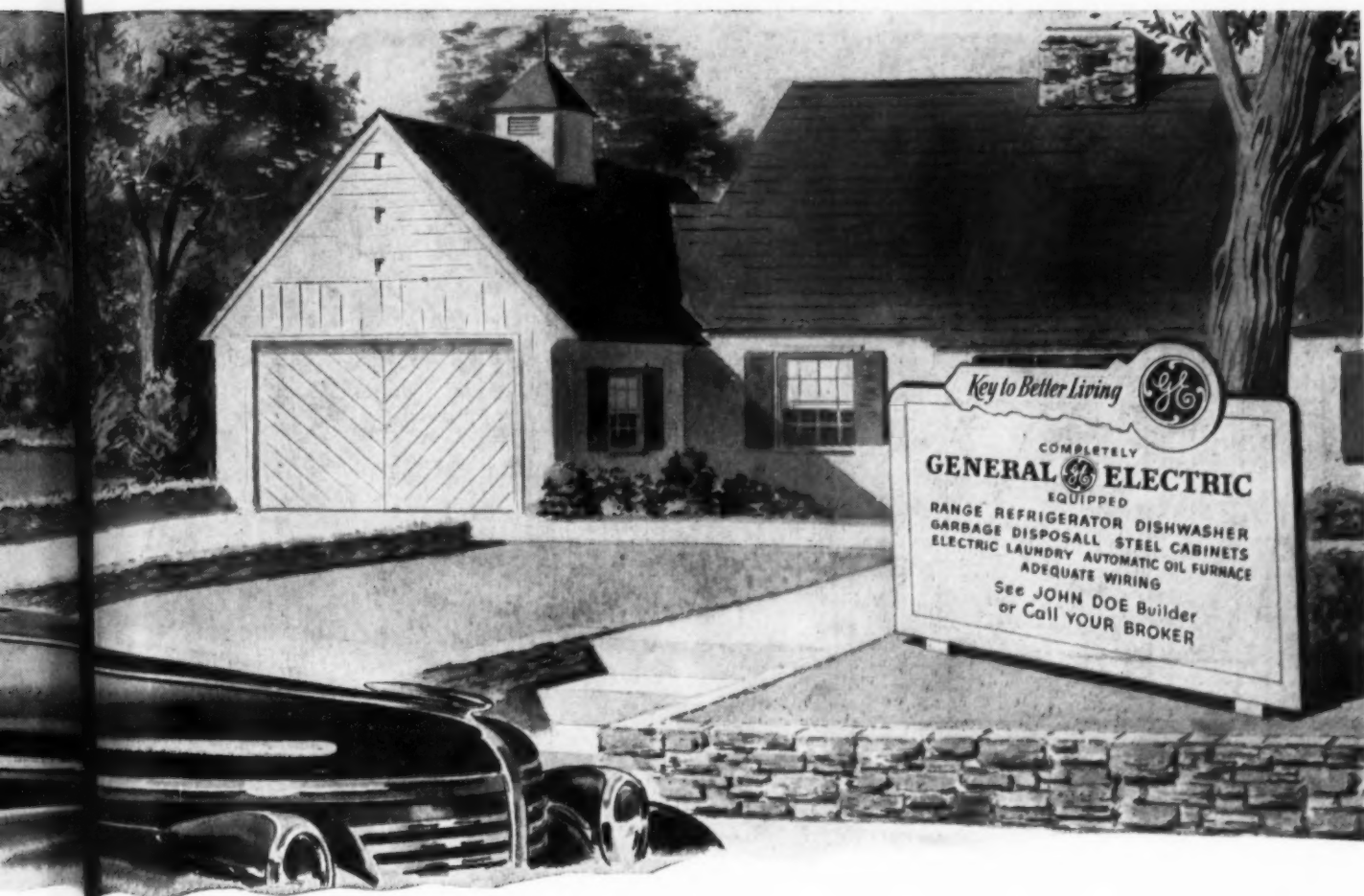
Says a recent issue of *American Builder*, "The day has arrived for homes to be sold with at least the basic mechanical devices and equipment arranged to deliver better living."

A three-way "plus" —

The buyer will get greater satisfaction from a home that includes the electrical appliances he wants and needs. And, when such equipment is covered by the mortgage, any increase in monthly amortization payments will, in almost all cases, be offset by actual savings in operating expenses.

The builder will have houses with greater appeal to offer. The built-in, labor-saving devices will provide additional features which should do much to promote sales—as well as provide word-of-mouth advertising—for the builder.

The banker, too, will benefit because efficient, money-saving equipment will increase the home-buyer's ability to keep up his payments. A mod-



ern, fully equipped home represents a sounder mortgage investment because it increases the buyer's *desire* to avoid risk of foreclosure, as well as his *ability* to meet mortgage payments.

We've got some answers

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We feel that we have got some of the answers to some of the questions which you may want to ask.

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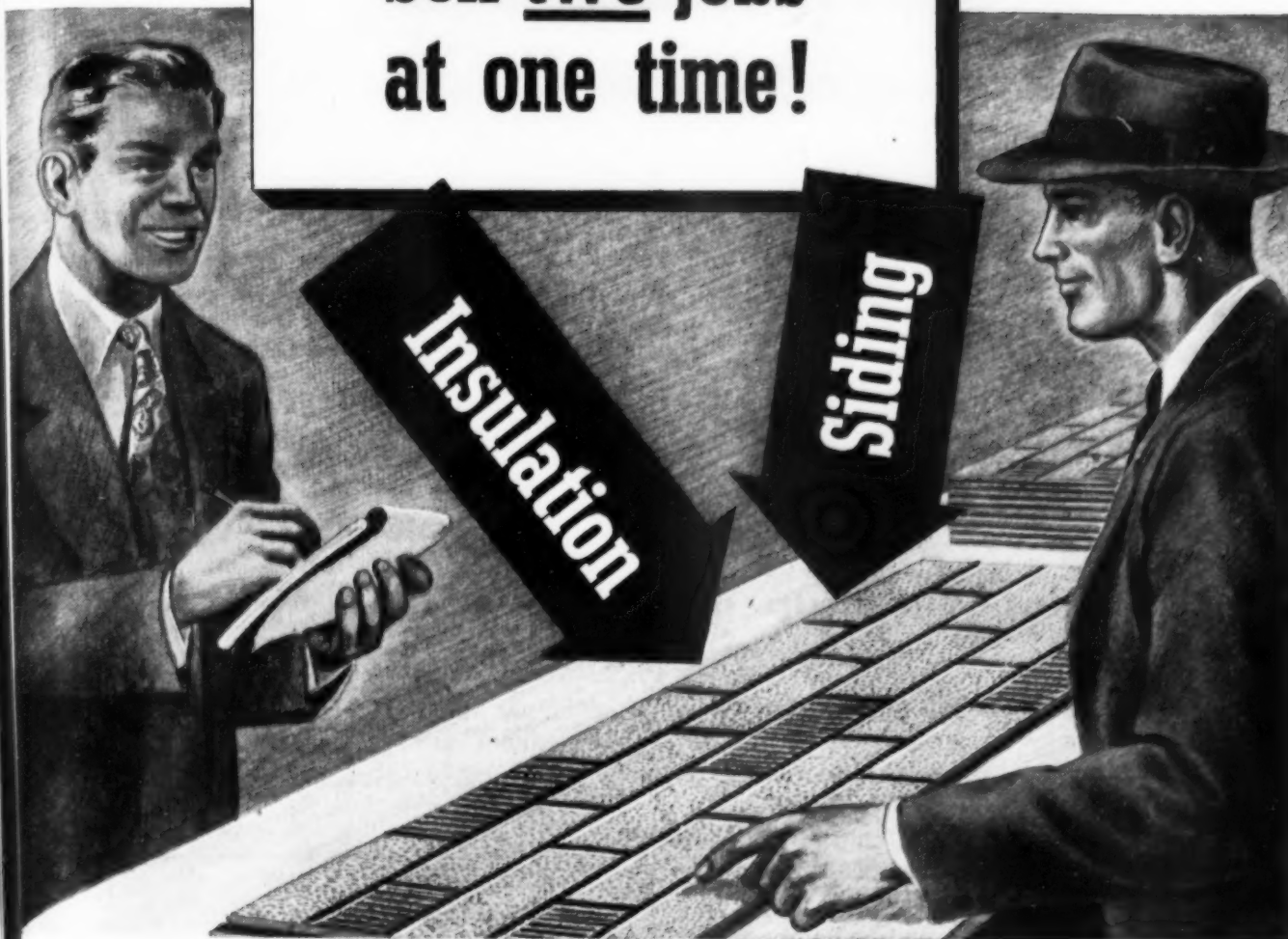
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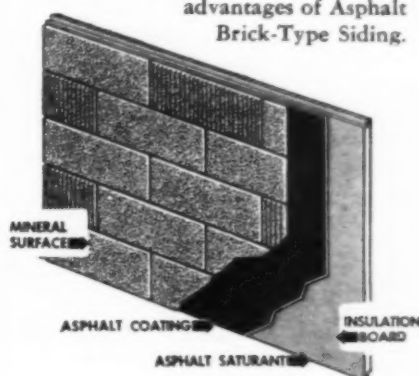
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fast as it sells... your customer can give his home a new high in appearance and value at a new low cost. (And a new low in selling effort for you!)

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No matter who the guest—Mrs. Jones brings out her chipped teacup with no embarrassment. On the contrary, with a thrill of pride.

Not very pretty, that chip. But it bears witness to the fact that Mrs. Jones has her nation's welfare at heart.

Mrs. Jones has given up all unnecessary spending for the duration. By doing *without*—she is helping to fight inflation.

Maybe she doesn't know all the complicated theories about inflation. But she does know that her government has asked her *not to spend*.

So Mrs. Jones is making all the old things do . . . not only that teacup. She's wearing her clothes for another year—and another. She's not competing with her neighbors for merchandise of any sort.

And the dollars she's not spending now are safely put away (and earning interest) for the peacetime years ahead. *Then* those dollars will buy things that can't be had for any price today.

If we all are like Mrs. Jones, there will be no inflation with skyrocket prices. If

we all are like her, dangerous Black Markets cannot exist.

A chipped teacup stands for all that . . . for a *sound, secure U. S. A.*

7 RULES FOR PATRIOTIC AMERICANS TO REMEMBER EVERY DAY

1. Buy only what you *absolutely need*. Make the article you have last longer by proper care. Avoid waste.
2. Pay no more than ceiling prices. Buy rationed goods only by exchanging stamps. (Rationing and ceiling prices are for your protection.)
3. Pay willingly any taxes that your country needs. (They are the cheapest way of paying for the war.)
4. Pay off your old debts—avoid making new ones.
5. Don't ask more money for the goods you sell or for the work you do. Higher prices come out of everybody's pocket—including yours.
6. Establish and maintain a savings account; maintain adequate life insurance.
7. Buy all the War Bonds you can—and hold 'em!

**HELP
US
KEEP**

PRICES DOWN

Use it up . . . Wear it out . . . Make it do . . . Or do without



A Recreation Room . . . with a view to the future

Typical of the modern home designs now being developed for the great postwar building market is the above recreation room in a Sunken Garden Home, designed for Timken's current consumer advertising campaign by Harold H. Ehler, member of American Institute of Architects.

Regardless of the size or type of new homes, builders and home owners are unanimous in demanding the newest and best in equipment. No home is better than its heating system, and Timken Silent Automatic, with all its years of furnishing fine heating systems for homes of every type and description, will be in a better position than ever to supply the right kind of heating equipment for postwar home building.

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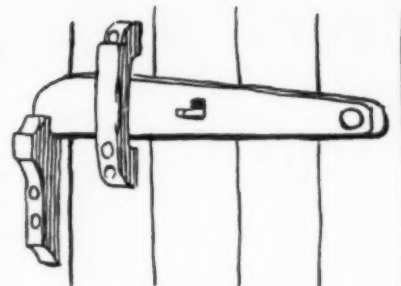
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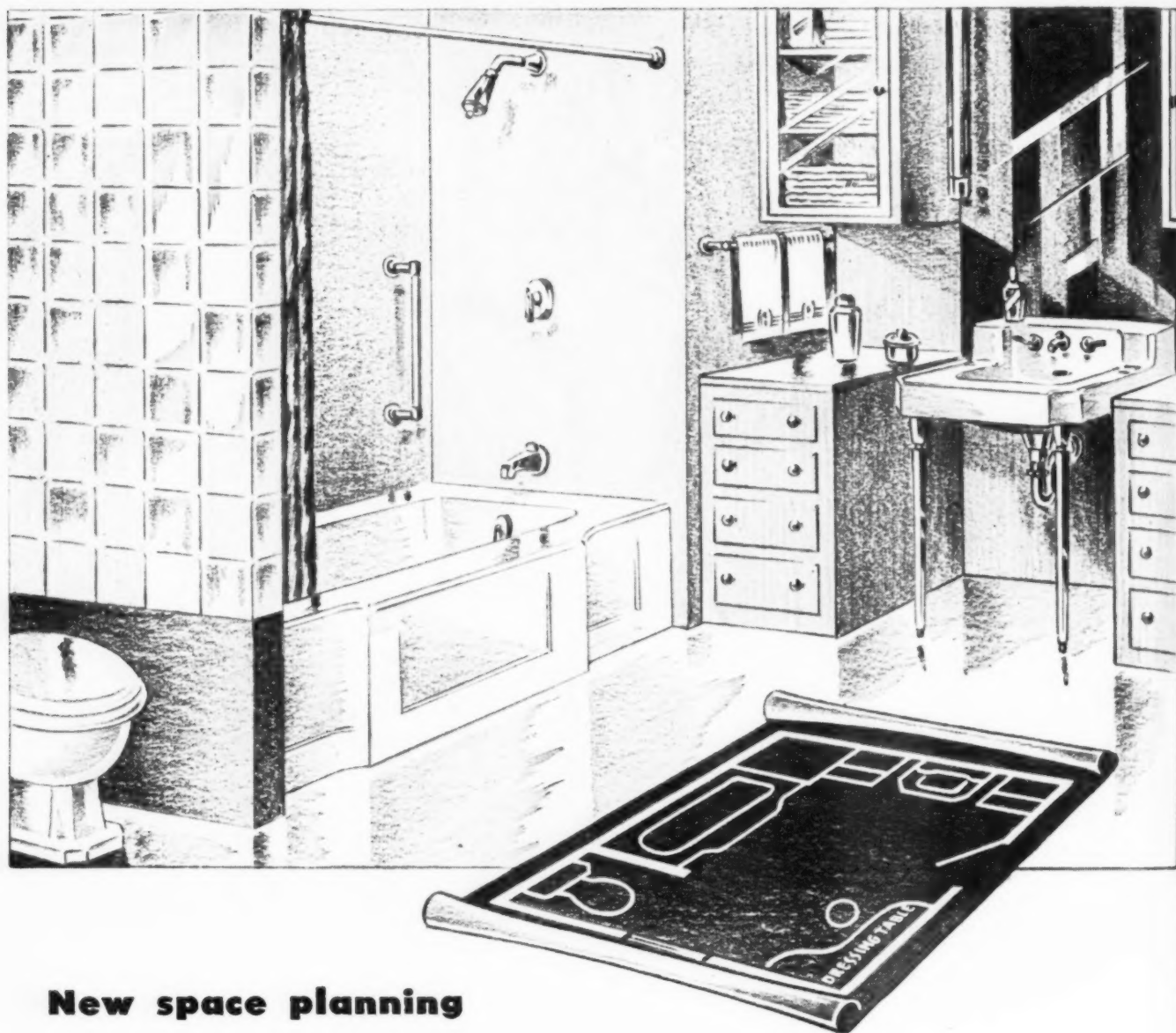
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New space planning for tomorrow's bathrooms

As you can well imagine, Kohler designers and engineers have worked out many details of tomorrow's plumbing fixtures and fittings. Naturally, these will not be announced until conditions permit their manufacture and delivery.

Meanwhile, Kohler appreciates that changes will take place in bathroom and kitchen planning, whether for new homes or modernization.

The bathroom shown is one solution to the problem of providing greater utility. The lavatory is flanked by deep counters with drawer and storage space. Overhead are cabinets for towels and wash cloths. The mirror is large and reflects the light on the opposite wall. From the floor plan

notice that the closet has a compartment separated from the tub by a glass-block partition. There is a built-in corner dressing table with natural light from the window.

The fixtures are the Cosmopolitan bench bath with mixer-type shower; Gramercy vitreous china lavatory with shelf, compact mixer fitting, metal legs; Integra one-piece closet.

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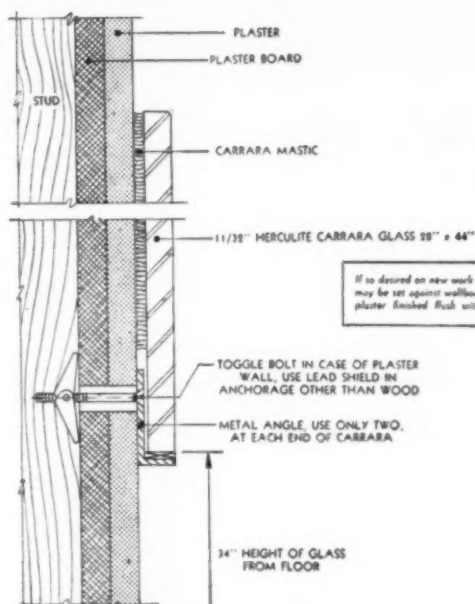
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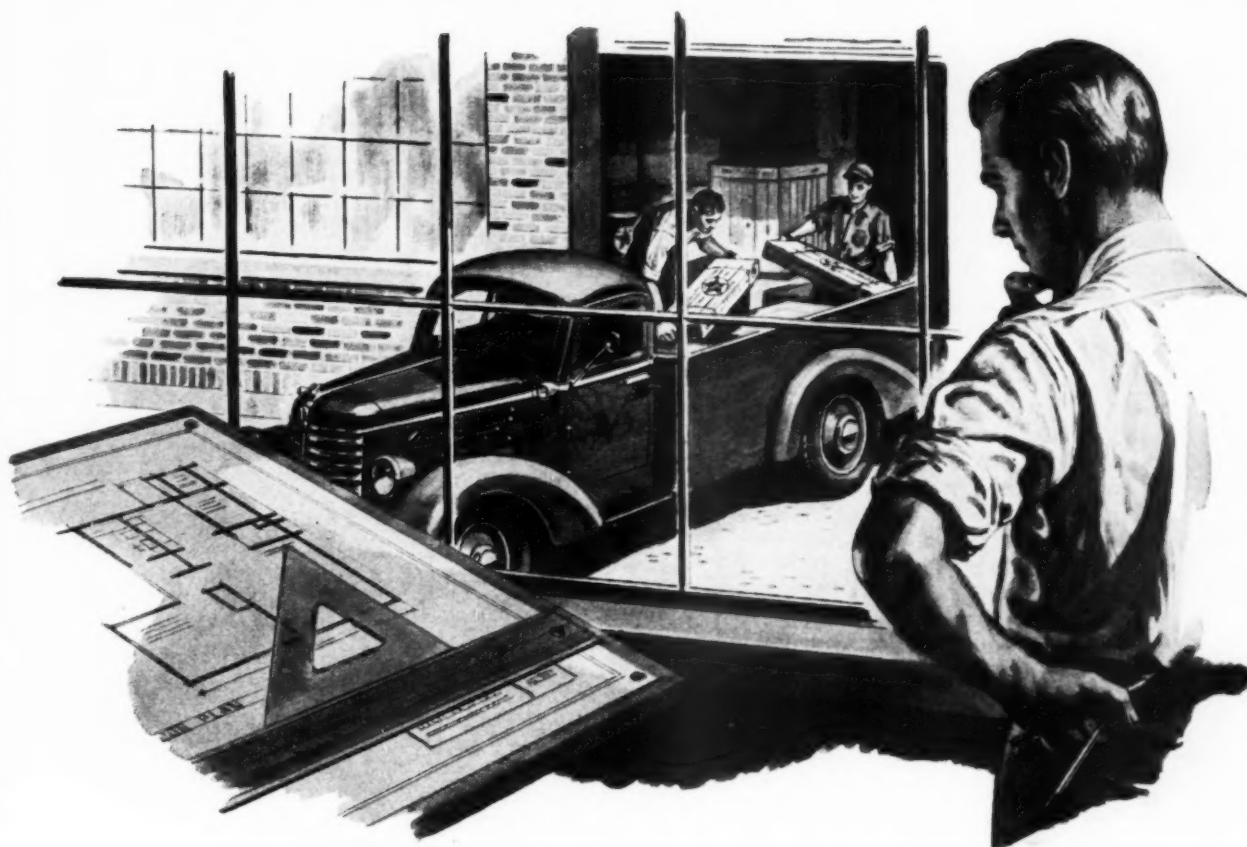
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Washington News Summary

Nelson Sees Fast Building Start

STEPS will be taken by the War Production Board to insure a speedy start for the construction sector of the country's economy as soon as manpower and materials are available. This assurance was given by Donald M. Nelson, WPB Chairman, to a committee of the construction industry, brought together by the United States Chamber of Commerce, which recently laid before Mr. Nelson the need for such prompt resumption of construction.

The committee, headed by Allen J. Saville of the American Society of Engineers, pointed out the responsibility of the construction industry, normally the second largest employer of labor in the Country, and probably the most flexible and easily expandable employer group, to assume a tremendous share of re-employment responsibility in the transition period from war to peace. Practical preparation for assumption of this load is required, and to that end several concrete suggestions were made to the WPB Chairman. Subject to the obvious requirement that material controls shall continue till war demands are met, but not a moment longer, the Committee suggested:

1. Approval of civilian work for construction in any local area where such approval shall keep local manpower busy in its own lines of endeavor.

2. Periodic issuance by WPB of a forecast of critical or hard-to-get materials becoming available for non-war construction; such lists to be public in order that those planning new construction may take the matter of material availability into consideration.

3. Consideration of local manpower availability, required use of critical materials, and value to industry or benefit to community, in selection for WPB approval of specific projects.

4. Authority to carry out the program to be vested in local WPB directors, with assistance of competent community boards as required. No approval of projects to start more than thirty days after approval.

In support of its plan, the committee pointed out that local unemployment problems might become acute

earlier than anticipated and that the solutions offered could help greatly to cushion the shock.

Further, it stated, many months would be saved in the return to normal operations in all types of construction if assurance could be given the industry that necessary equipment for buildings and other structures, as well as building materials, would be channeled into the now almost empty shelves of equipment distributors and allowed to flow through normal channels as rapidly as war needs permitted.

In the opinion of the committee, major reliance must be placed on the construction industry and upon construction users to determine which work shall start first, and necessary priorities and other assistance must be granted promptly where the outlined conditions warrant. A lift in civilian jobs during the transition period would carry a corresponding lift in morale, the committee pointed out.

In addition to Chairman Saville, members of the group which met with Chairman Nelson included:

Robert P. Gerholz, president, National Association of Home Builders; Douglas Whitlock, president, The Producers' Council; Raymond J. Ashton, president, American Institute of Architects; Wilson Compton, secretary-manager, National Lumber Manufacturers Association; Norman P. Mason, regional vice president, National Retail Lumber Dealers Association; and William Muirhead, president, Associated General Contractors of America.

FHA Prepares—With an estimated \$3 billion market for repair and modernization loans in prospect after V-day, FHA has issued a new booklet exclusively for building material dealers and contractors. Distributed through institutions qualified to lend under Title I and labeled "Here's How To Make Sales and Satisfied Customers With FHA Title I Loans," the booklet gives essential operating facts in handy reference form, and emphasizes what FHA expects of participating dealers in its property improvement program.

Part I has a step-by-step description of procedure, data on amounts,

terms, charges, eligible projects, and filled-in sample forms. Part II lays stress on FHA's demand for sound ethical practices by participating dealers, and its determination to eliminate from the program those who abuse its privileges.

FHA officials made it clear to *American Builder* that they do not wish to impugn the legitimate and long-established lumber dealer. They are determined, however, to eliminate 'fly-by-night' operators in the field who, during prosperous times, abuse the privileges of Title I loans.

The Agency feels that legitimate dealers will welcome its efforts to rid the market of this detrimental and dishonest type of competition.

Lumber Still Short—WPB has limited priority assistance on lumber for repairs to emergency purposes only. Examples: "Damage caused by fire, flood, tornado, earthquake, storm, similar catastrophe—where damage makes dwelling unfit for continued occupancy—by reason of roof leaks, weakening of framework, separation of lateral from main supports, broken joists or risers." No help where deterioration has resulted from wear and tear and parts will function without repair for three months or longer. Make applications to FHA field office on WPB-2896 and include proof that extent of damage is such as to bring it within 'emergency' category.

Wages Freeze—National War Board has extended wage freeze to all U. S. building contractors employing eight or less workers. Such employers were previously exempt under the Board's order. Reason: WLB acted on recommendation of Wage Adjustment Board who found that unrestricted wage increases being granted by such contractors were "unstabilizing wage conditions in the industry."

Grass Roots Planning—Detailed inventories now, by local communities, of all existing residential accommodations with an eye to determining postwar needs, are called for by Frederick M. Babcock, finance and housing consultant of Washington. He declared that such inventories would center housing responsibilities on local citizens familiar with needs and resources to meet them.

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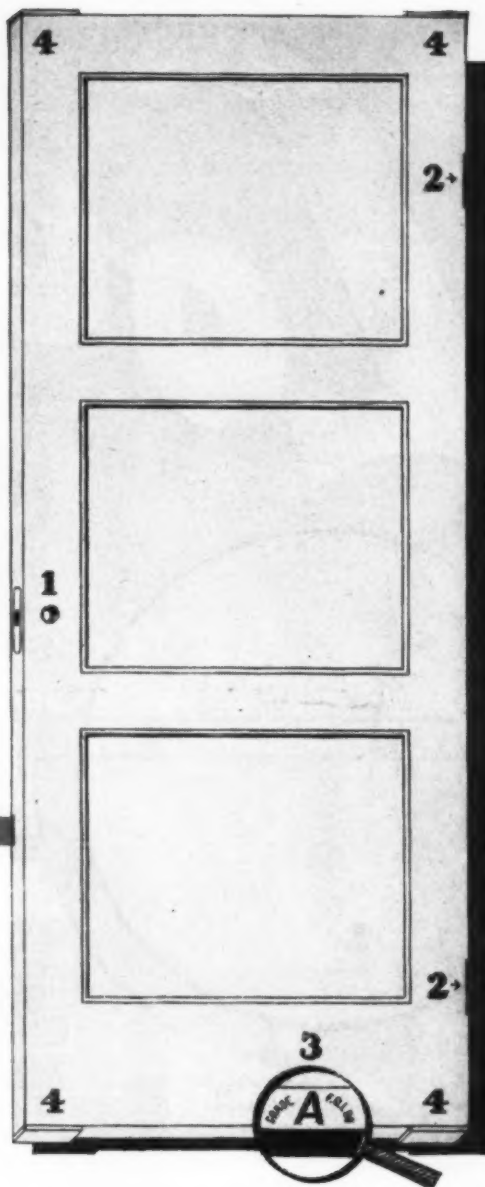
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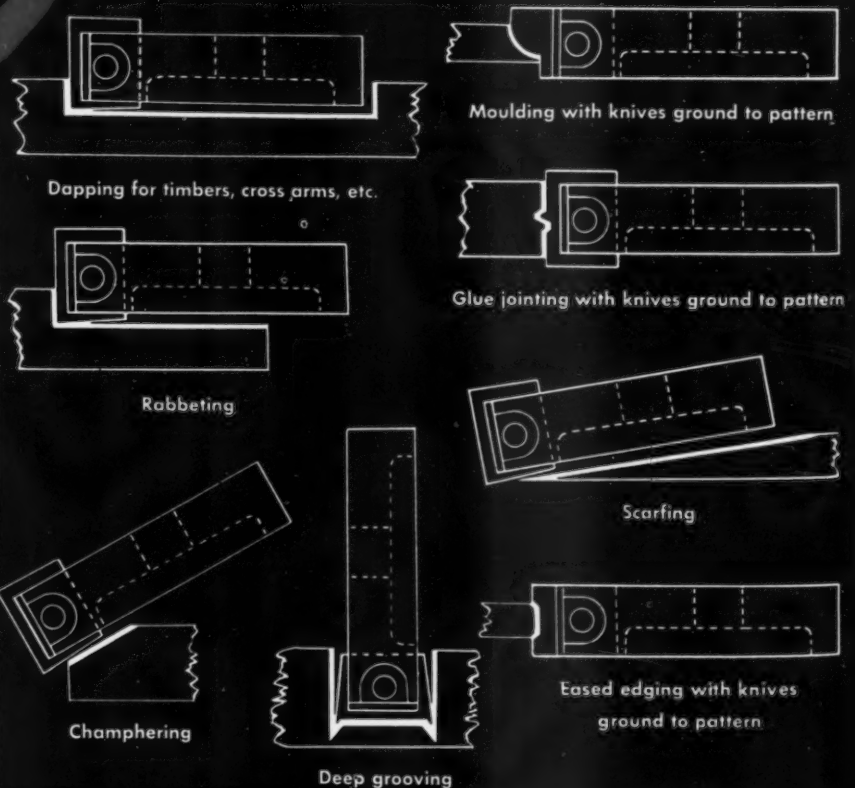
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It takes a long time

WITH the war rushing headlong toward an early decision, WPB and housing officials should be reminded that it takes a *LONG* time to develop any kind of a building program; particularly the kind of a private home construction program that must be relied on if jobs on a big scale are to be provided quickly.

If WPB and housing officials think the recently announced H2 program is a satisfactory start toward civilian building, they are mistaken. The type of stripped, sub-marginal houses permitted are not at all in accordance with what Americans expect in their postwar homes. They are not the kind private industry wants to build.

H2 a bad start

The whole H2 program is very disappointing in its first stages, and if it is an indication of the kind of *continuing* regulations and restrictions builders can expect, indicates real trouble ahead.

The beaurocratic practice of telling a builder the exact size, amount of equipment, selling price and numerous other details of houses he can construct is repugnant, and should be soon ended. The H2 program not only carries on these limitations but makes the whole home building procedure more impractical and unworkable than ever before. At the same time it throws the doors open to public housing construction.

This may be the first step towards the kind of public housing approach we have frequently been warned about. Which is that regulations, restrictions, and controls would be kept in force in such fashion as to discourage private enterprise and private home building. Then the public housing advocates can claim that "private enterprise has failed," and home construction should be taken over by federal agencies.

Whatever the real implications of the H2 program, the fact remains that it is unworkable and unsatisfactory and should be changed.

Propose model homes now

WPB has already authorized manufacturers to go ahead with experimental models of postwar cars, vacuum cleaners, and other civilian products. It is equally or even more important that home builders be permitted now to go ahead with experimental model or sample postwar homes. Such model homes would permit builders to test out their improved plans, get an idea of present build-

ing costs, and determine public reaction to new ideas in materials, equipment, and design.

Five hundred experimental model homes erected in communities scattered all over the United States would do a great deal to advance postwar building. They should definitely not be limited to war areas, but should be built in communities wherever the builders or local building interests are enterprising enough to go ahead now. Materials required would be small in relation to the 340,000 houses built last year, the 715,000 in 1941, or the million homes expected in postwar. Yet the results would be highly helpful by permitting builders in many communities to make the first step toward private peacetime building.

Many enterprising builders would be willing to build a "sample home" now. Fritz B. Burns of Los Angeles is one builder who has already embarked on an experimental model home of much interest. His entire area will benefit. In some towns the building of such a house might be sponsored by the local builders' association; in others, all of the local building interests might get together to build under the sponsorship of the local Chamber of Commerce.

If the building of experimental model homes of this type was done by the practical, successful building men of the country, they would not be visionary or crackpot in nature. They would be soundly built according to the most forward-looking ideas of each community. They would have the best materials and equipment available at this time. They would give the American public a sound and practical preview of the postwar home, and would help building off to an early start.

Can you build a model home in your town?

WPB has authorized manufacturers to build experimental models of cars, vacuum cleaners and other civilian products. Can you build an experimental model home in your town? One that will definitely show what's ahead and pave the way for a quick resumption of building? Consult your nearest FHA and WPB offices.

H-2 PROGRAM

Packs a Punch That Can Blacken The Eye of Private Home Building!

While masquerading as a step to speed the resumption of private peacetime home building, it provides a cloak to get public housing off to a \$100 million start before the war ends.

By John E. McNamara

Associate Editor

ABONE has been thrown to the builders with the hope that the dust of scrambling and fighting for it will blind them from seeing that the meat has been chewed off and the marrow sucked out.

We're talking about H-2 housing, one of NHA's pigeon-holes through which people are expected to crawl in order to build homes in the transition from war housing to postwar homes.

But what kind of homes will private industry be able to provide under this program? FHA apparently does not think they will be very good. It has decided to keep them out of Title II so as not to endanger the security of its mutual mortgage insurance fund.

Yes, they will be financed under Title VI, but they won't even be given the same "benefit of doubt" given to H-1 (which, if you are not up on the alphabetizing of house building, means war housing for immigrant war workers). No, they won't qualify for a 90 per cent mortgage or a small down payment. The maximum mortgage will be \$5400, the same as for a \$6,000 Title VI house.

So, if a \$7500 selling price is allowed, the buyer will have to put up \$2100. How, may we ask, is a builder to take on a project of three hundred such homes and hold half of them for rent, as is provided in the dictum setting forth this supposed beneficial step towards resuming private home building? How many builders can tie up the difference between \$6800, the approximate cost without profit of a \$7500 house, and \$5400, the amount of the mortgage? This only amounts to \$1400 times 150, or the small sum of \$210,000.

No one but the Federal Public Housing Agency can afford to build housing for rent under the H-2 housing program. Surely the men who recommended this plan to WPB know enough about home financing to know that private home building is impossible under this cloud.

Could it not be, by logical deduction, that they were guided in the formulation of their recommendations by those who are enabled to build immediately by this formula, the public housers? Do we need any longer to confine ourselves merely to a strong suspicion that NHA is dominated by those who want public housing to the exclusion of private homes, privately financed?

Consider, if you will, what kind of housing can be built at the present time under this program. Bear in mind that no provision has been made to make available for home building anything better than what can be secured now for Title VI war housing. Copper wire is

not available to wire the houses properly to accommodate all the equipment the public is saving its money to buy. Quality cast iron and steel bathroom fixtures cannot be secured—only the ersatz.

Seasoned lumber is out of the picture. Air conditioning, a must in \$7500 houses, can't be had. The list need not be extended. The lack of the essentials mentioned is enough to prevent the building of a house any respectable builder would want to sell a returning veteran or himself hold as a rental investment.

What would be the net result if builders bit into this bone that has been thrown their way?

The homes would most certainly be labeled "postwar homes." Postwar home building, on the threshold of an unprecedented building boom, would get a black eye from which the industry would be long in recovering.

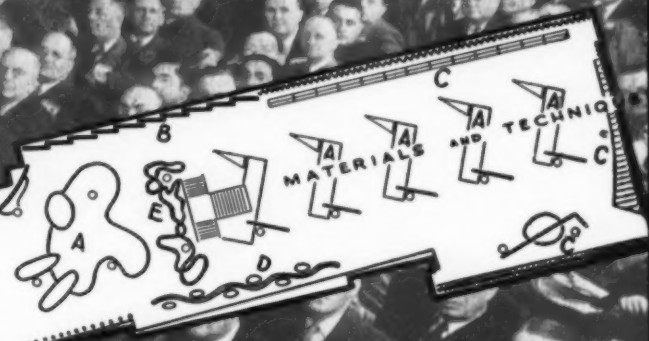
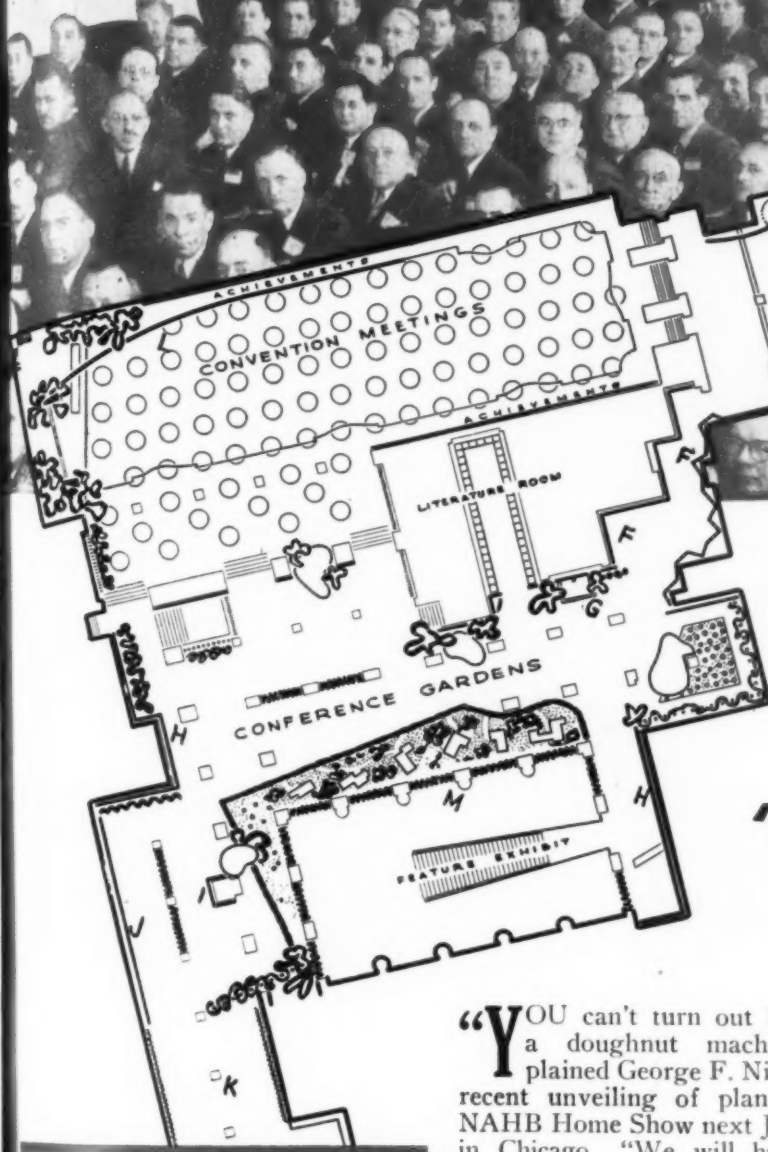
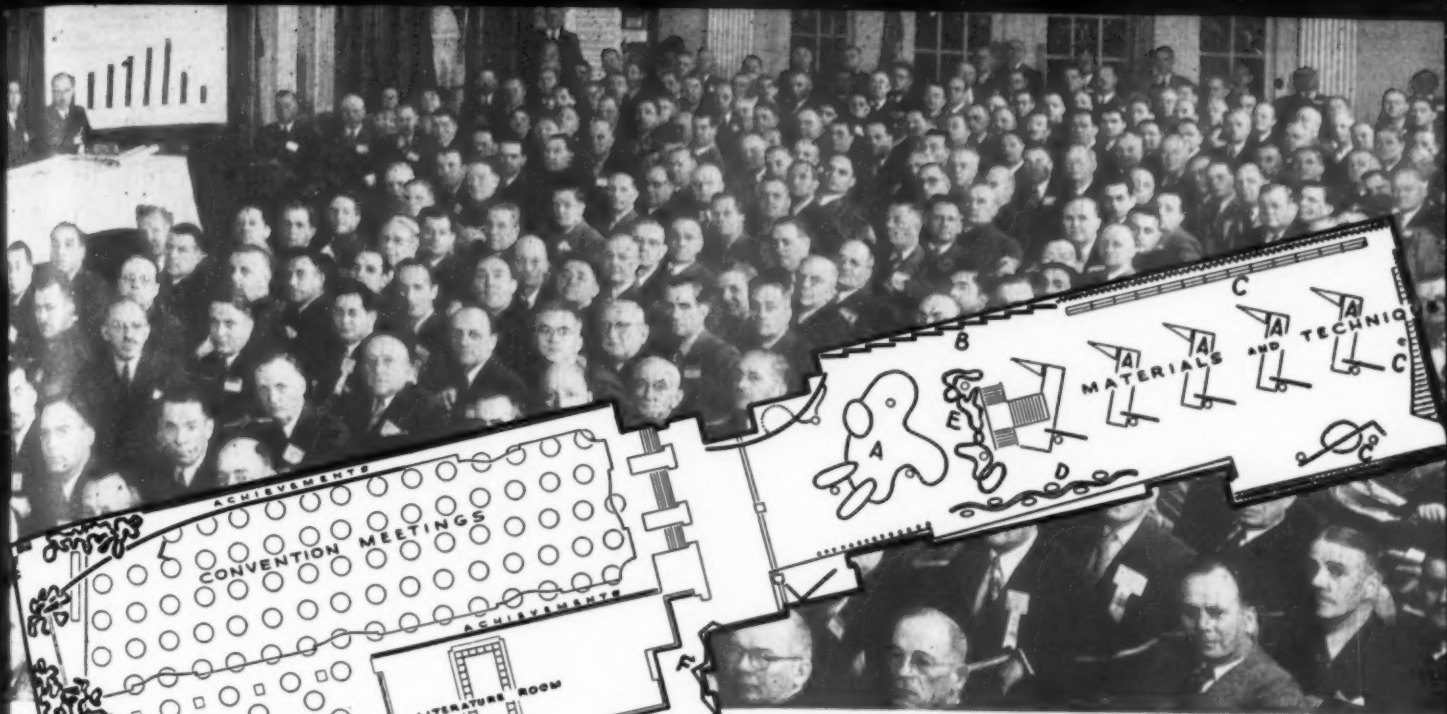
The cry, no doubt already rehearsed, would rise that private enterprise cannot be trusted with the vast job of providing millions of homes for postwar America.

"But," you may ask, "how then can the public housers hope to build housing that will not give a like black eye to public housing to add to its other black eyes from past performance? Won't they face the same difficulty of securing good materials?"

The answer is an emphatic **NO**. Public housing can be built of steel-reinforced concrete. Lumber will be no problem. There is fabricated wire which can be released from surplus stock of other government agencies by fellow-bureaucrats. Bathtubs and other plumbing fixtures are already stock-piled by FPHA, purchased originally to have public housing prepared for eventualities and never caught short in the market like private builders, who can buy only on priorities for specific projects.

Materials then will not stand in the way of building public housing to the same extent that they will hinder private builders from delivering a quality job of home construction.

Can we look upon H-2 housing as anything more than a cloak to get a \$100 million of unused funds, appropriated by USHA to local housing authorities before the war for slum clearance housing, spent now on public housing's postwar projects under the guise of serving the war effort, and at a time when Congress has just reduced to \$7,500,000, the amount which it feels is sufficient to bring the publicly-financed part of the war housing job to a close?



EXPOSITION floor plan keyed as follows: (A) Wall-board, Insulation, Roofing, and Flooring; (B) Paint & Wallpaper; (C) Metal Products & Builders Hardware; (D) Brick & Cement Products; (E) Plastics; (F) Wood Products & Veneers; (G) Tile & Ceramics; (H) Millwork; (I) Finance; (J) Glass; (K) Kitchen Equipment; (L) City & Community Planning; (M) Models of Prize Winning Homes. Builders will sit at glass-top tables in convention hall rather than on uncomfortable rows of chairs.

"Postwar Homes Will Be Planned Here"

"YOU can't turn out houses on a doughnut machine," explained George F. Nixon at the recent unveiling of plans for the NAHB Home Show next January 15 in Chicago. "We will have something for the public better than the 'miracle' home and it will be put together from the latest materials and techniques shown at this Postwar Building Material Exposition," he continued, speaking as chairman of the show's committee.

Elizabeth Shoemaker as Director of the Exhibit then told how the firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill were commissioned to design the big show as the feature attraction of the National Association of Home Builders annual convention. The meeting will be held in Chicago's Sherman Hotel.

As a postwar laboratory for more than 3,000 home builders that are expected to attend the convention, the home show should accelerate activity among the manufacturers supplying the residential construction field. Plans are such as will set a new trend for displays; the striking mod-

ern design discards the old type exhibit booth which Miss Shoemaker "has disliked for years." There are no places for visitors to sit down at the exhibits, no tables for literature; literature will not be permitted in the exhibit halls. A large, beautiful garden, covering 12,000 square feet, with comfortable chairs for more than 200, will provide a quiet place for exhibitors to talk with the home builders. Literature that usually spills over the individual exhibits and often is thrown away in the aisles by over-burdened visitors, this time really will be displayed in a large "Literature Room" near the garden.

A contest will provide material for one of the outstanding highlights of the exhibit. Details of the contest call for selection of the best designs for a city house, suburban home, farm house, summer cottage, small home for two, and industrial housing. The jury is being chosen to pick the winners from the standpoint of postwar livability; models of these will be on display at the show.

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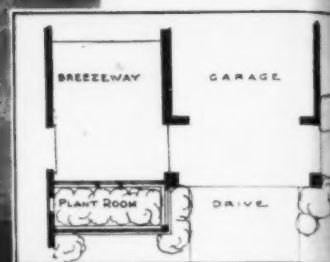
COMING—Big Home Show Issue of American Builder!

TO BRING to builders everywhere complete news of this momentous convention and building material exposition, *American Builder* will publish one of its most important issues next January.

John B. Blandford, Jr., NHA Administrator, and other government officials have repeatedly pointed out that private builders must resume residential construction as soon as possible, and probably before the end of hostilities. This convention will be held at the peak of the planning period for building industry reconversion; its national importance is obvious.



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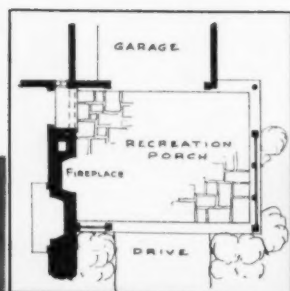


PLANT ROOM, which serves also as a winter hot-house by use of electric heating unit and reflector. Note hinged sash for accessibility from either side.

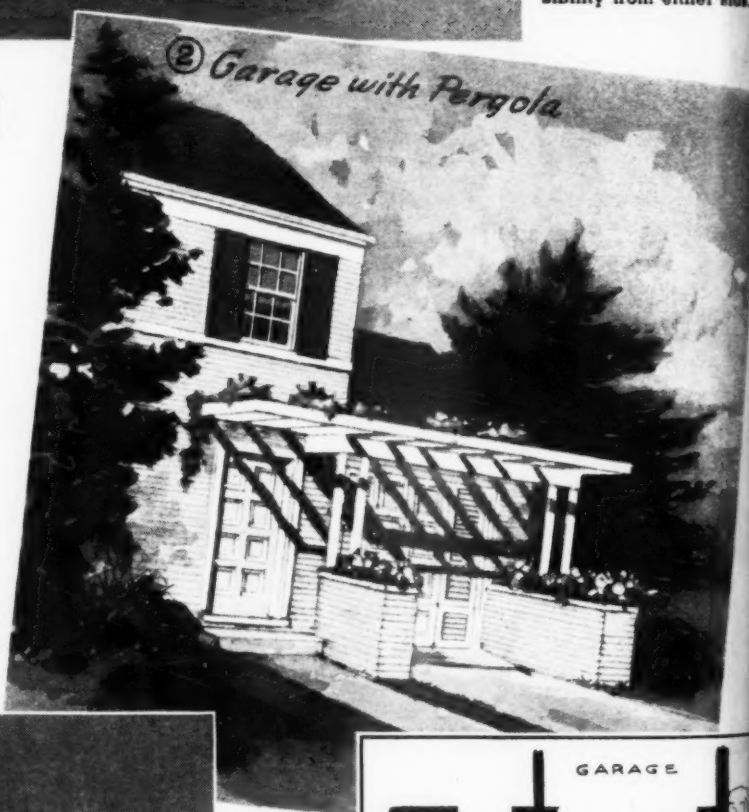
Garages with Oomph!

GARAGES, to reverse the old adage, may be ornamental as well as useful. They need not be, as so many are, the wart on the otherwise well-designed house.

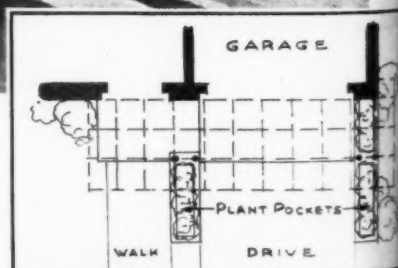
Examples of combined beauty and utility are evident in these postwar designs for garage entrances prepared especially for *American Builder* by architects Henry Otis Chapman and Randolph Evans of New York. Note the eye-catching doors, with glass or fillet panels, or side sections painted to resemble blinds.



HANDY CARPORT, with door to house, can double as recreation porch. Note fireplace.



② *Garage with Pergola*

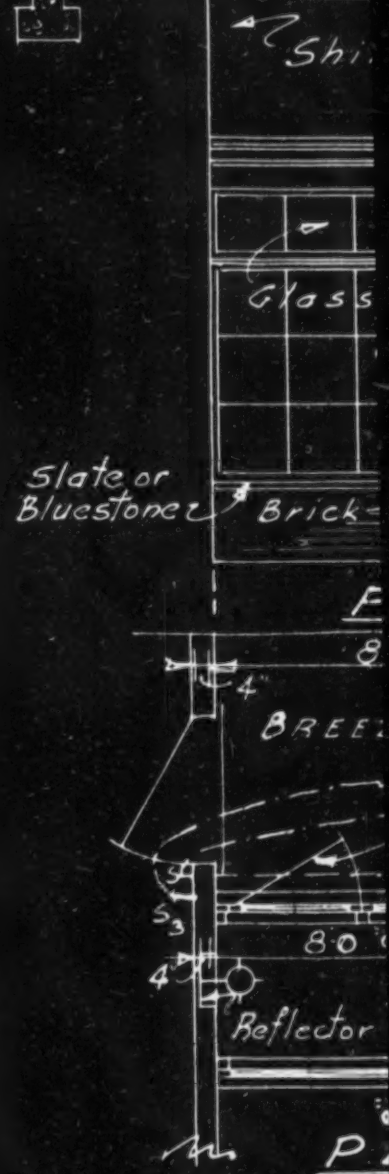
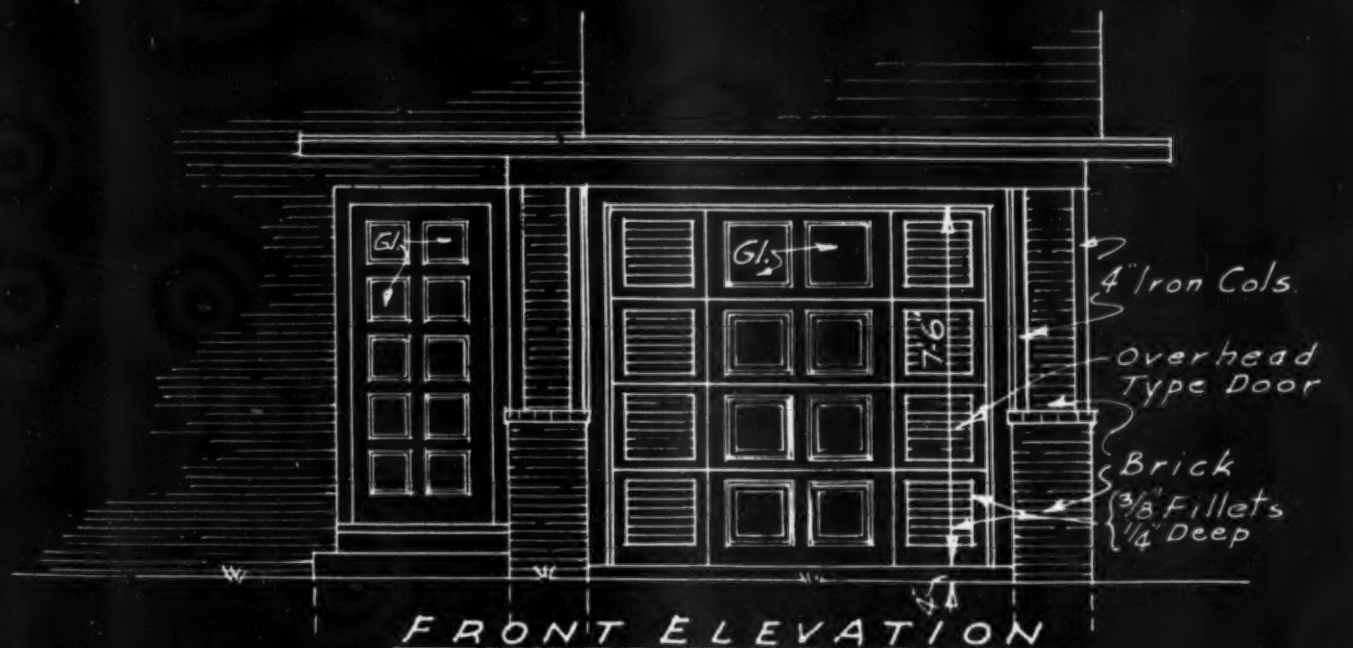
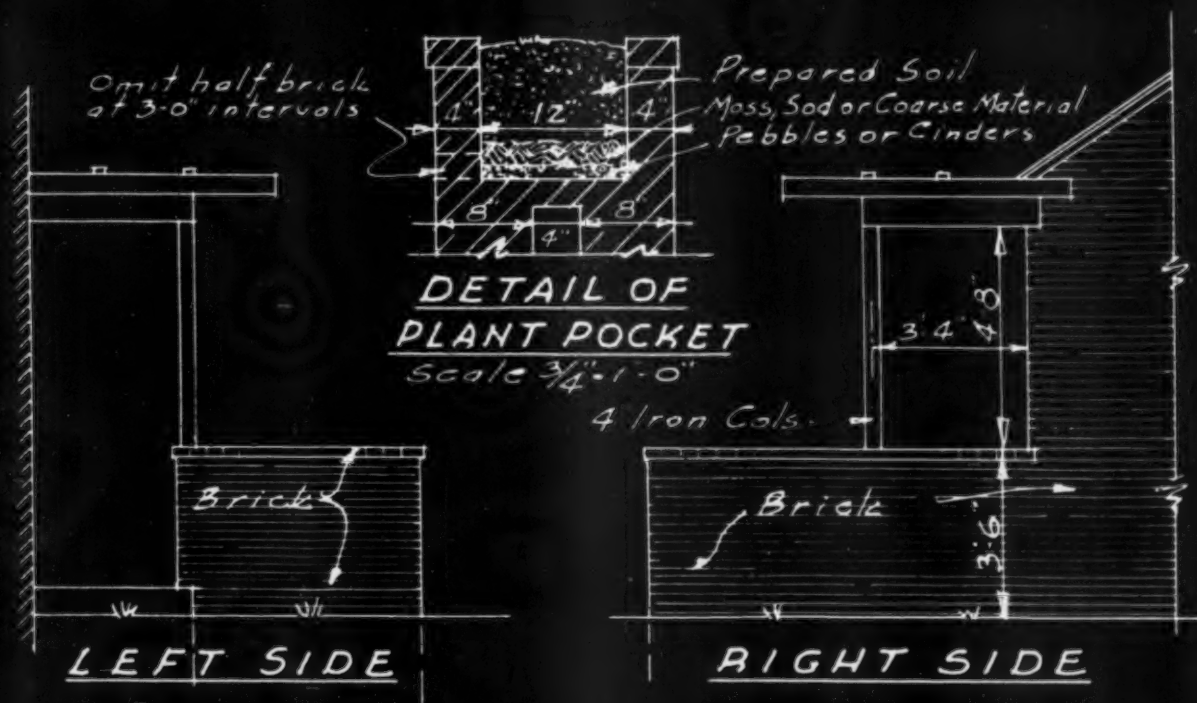


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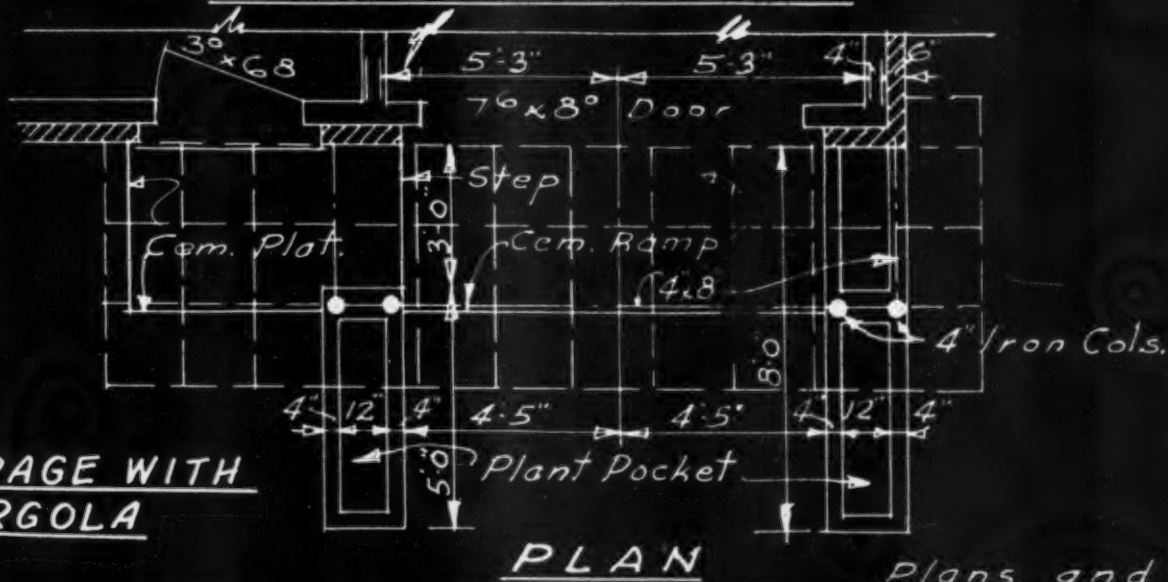


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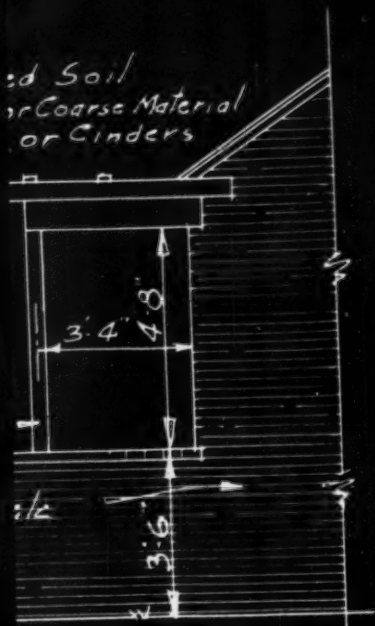
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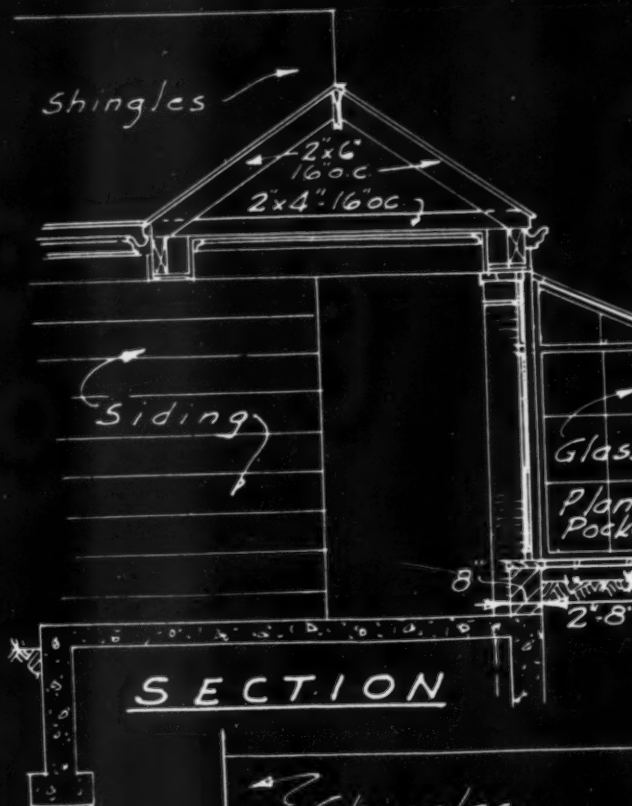
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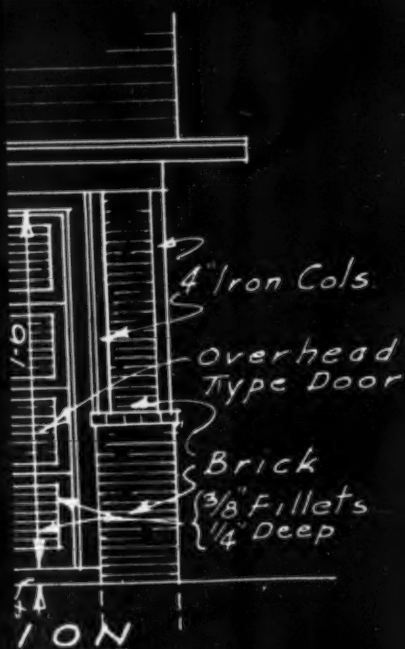
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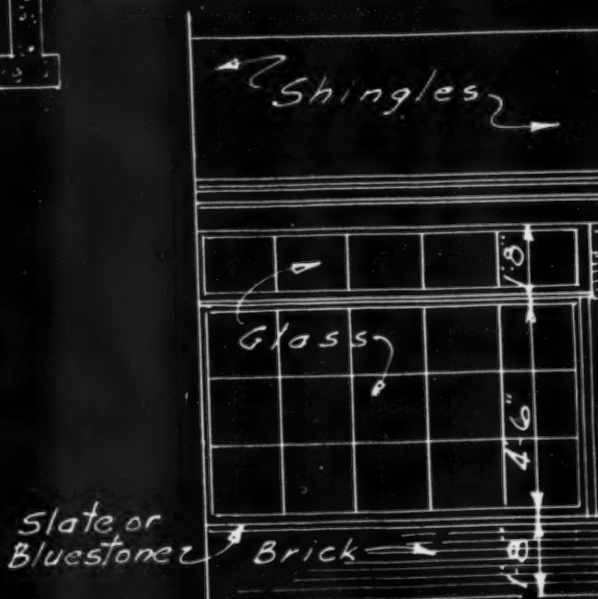
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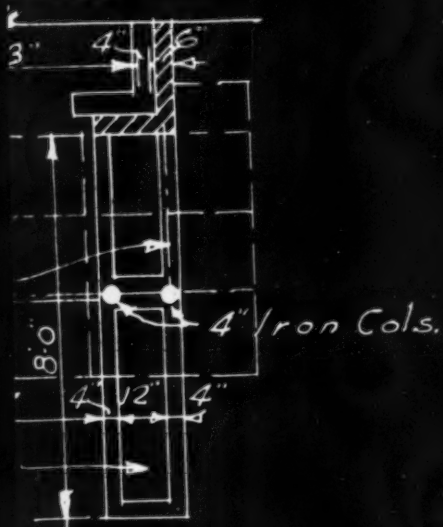
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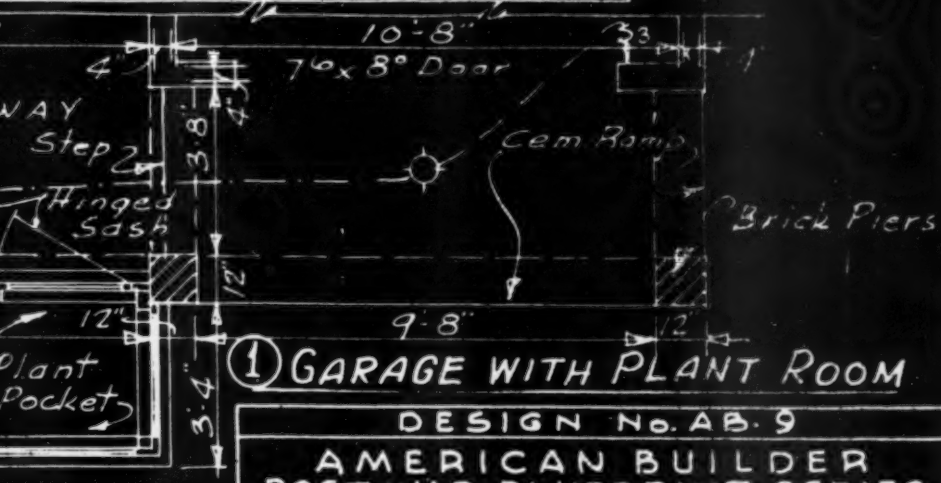
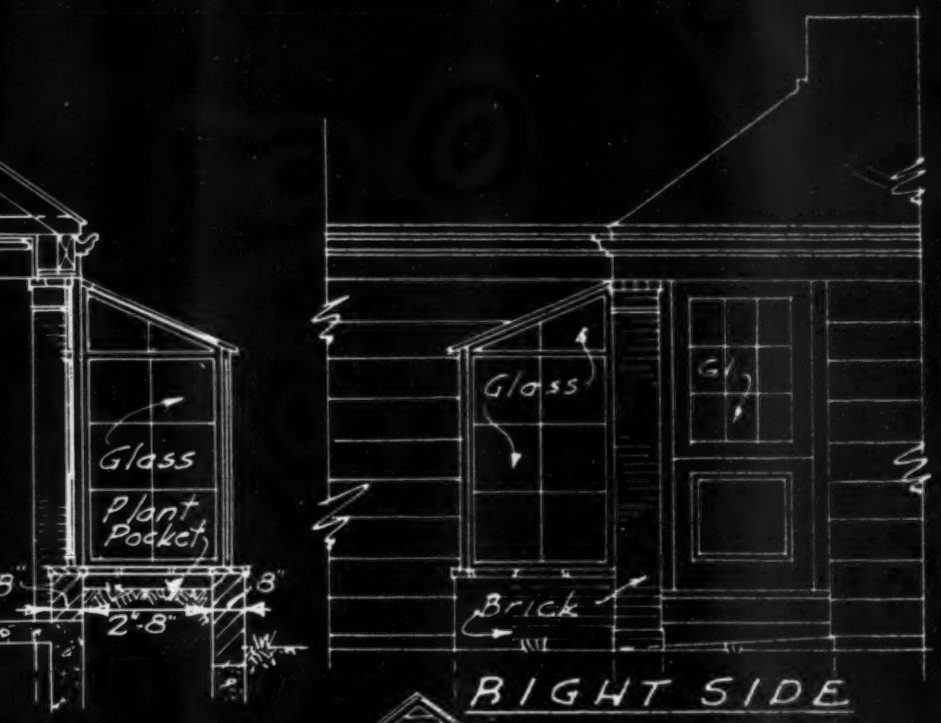


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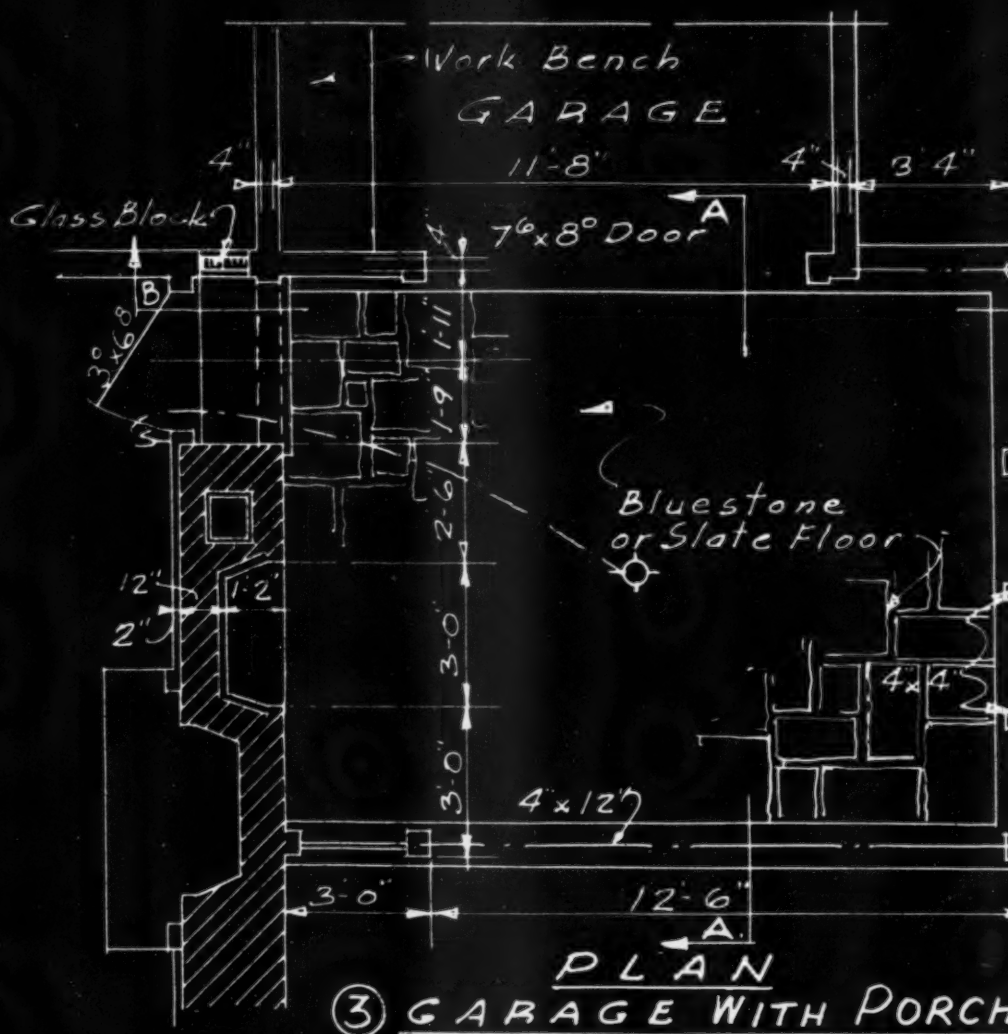
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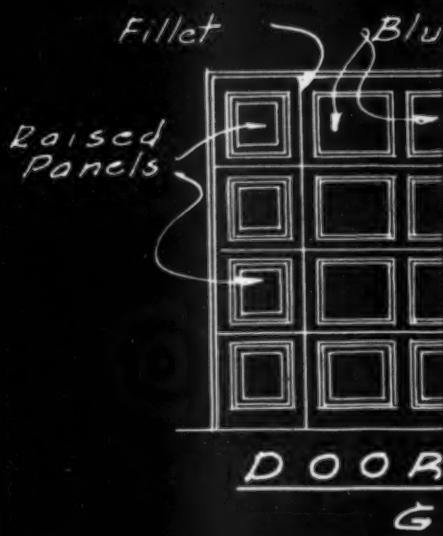
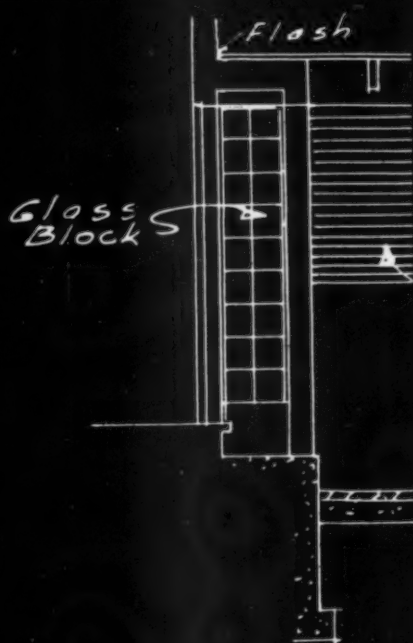
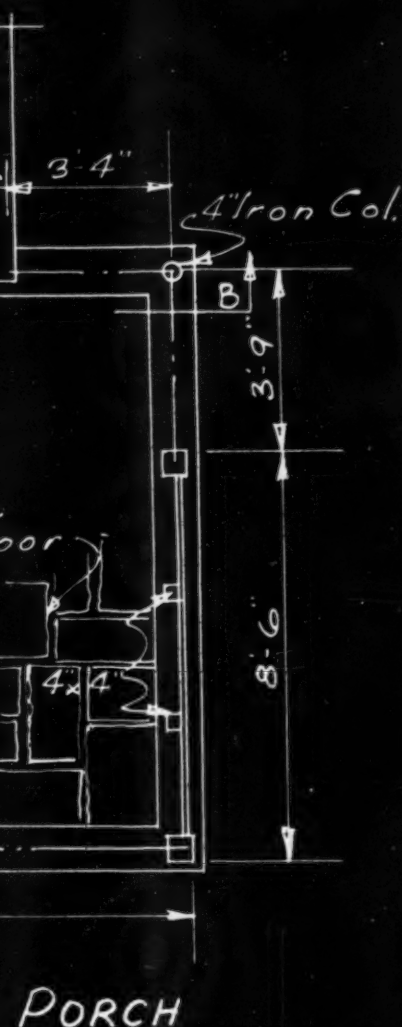
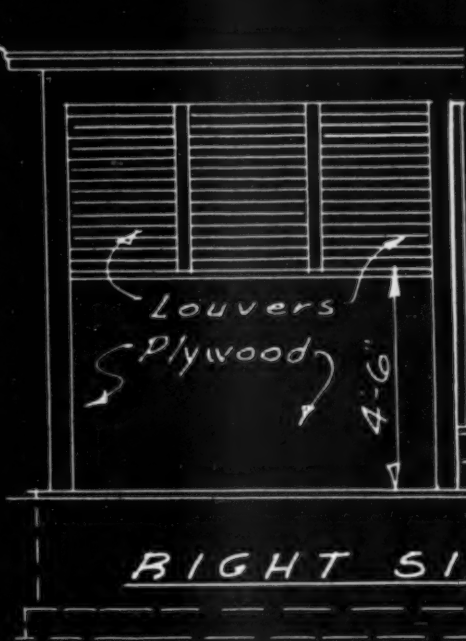
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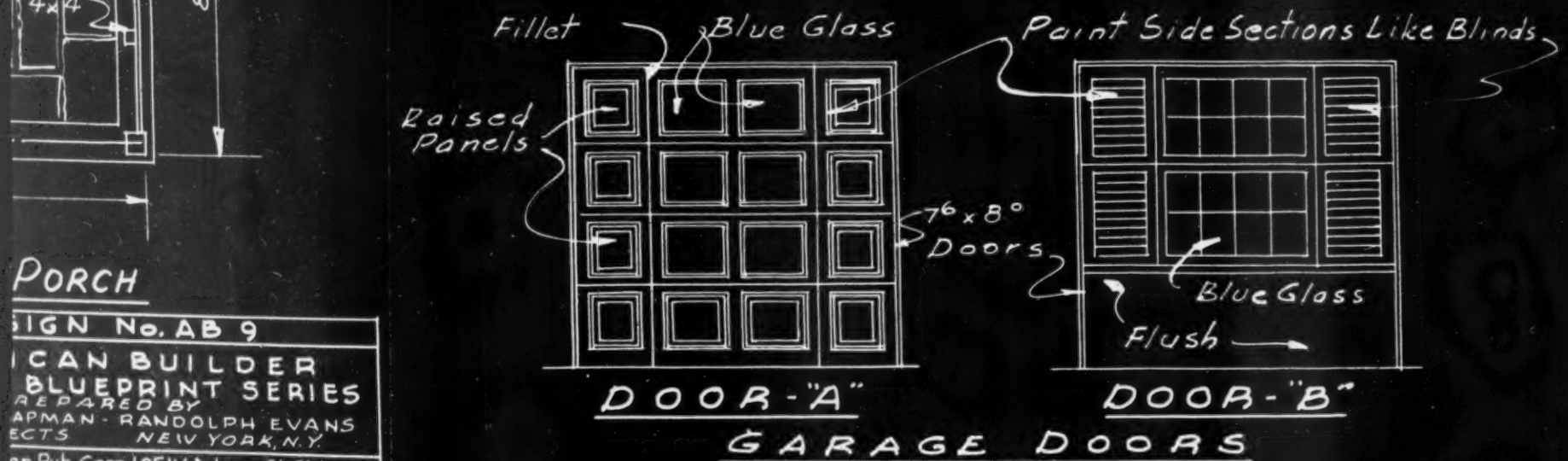
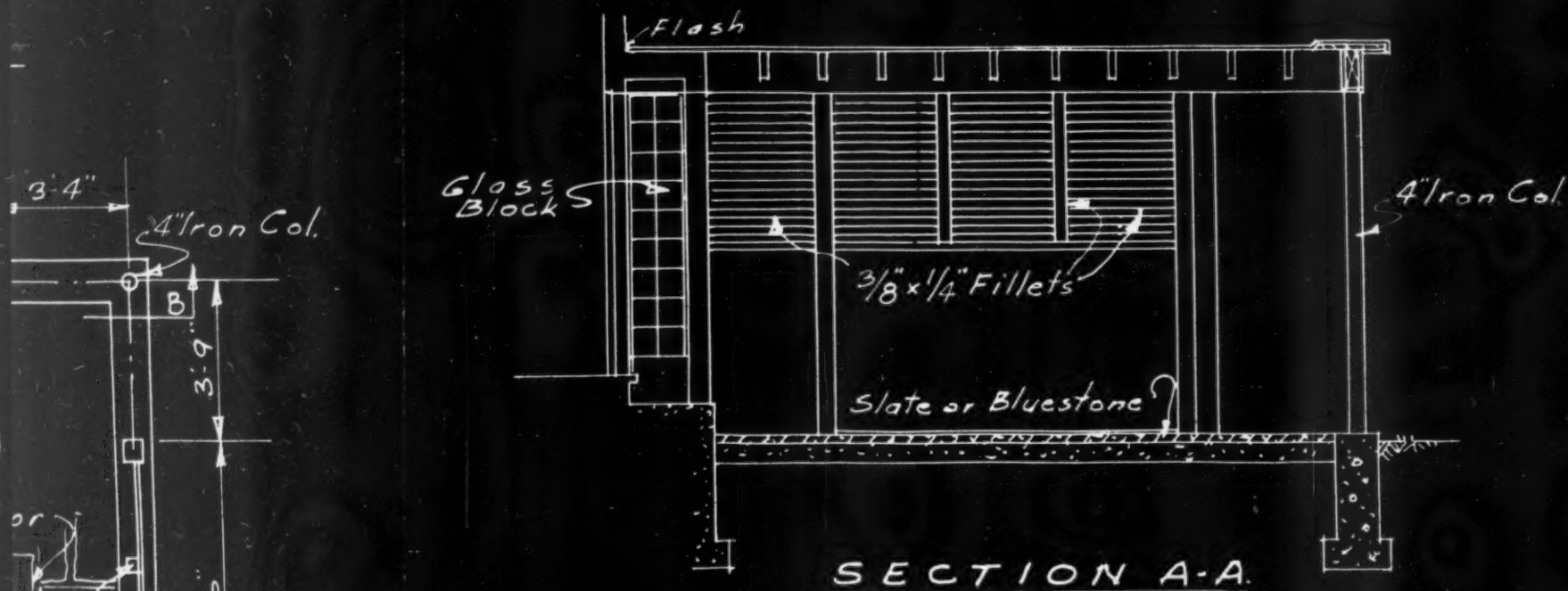
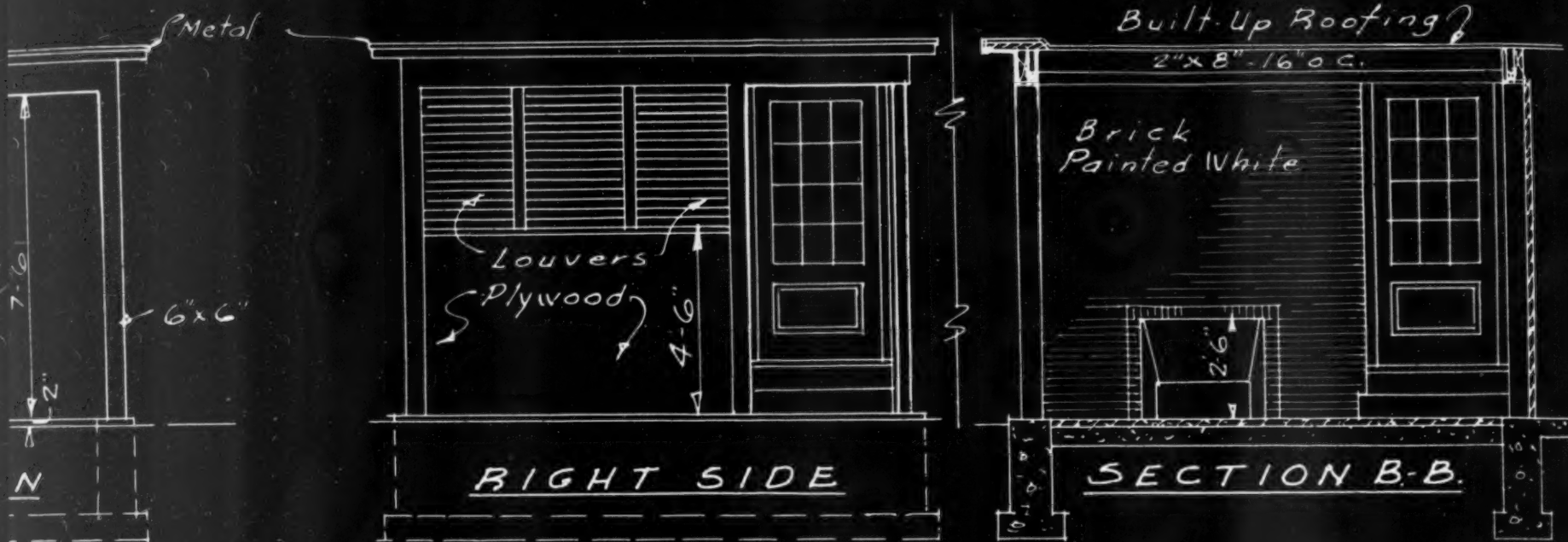


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An Unprecedented Building Boom Wrapped Up in G-I Bill of Rights

Veterans who comply with FHA credit requirements can purchase homes costing as much as \$10,000 with no down payment. Eighty per cent guaranteed by FHA. Down payment guaranteed by Veterans Administration.

How Many Veterans Will Buy New Homes?

IF TEN PER CENT of the 15 million veterans bought new homes at an average cost of \$7500, \$11¼ billions could go into home buying by veterans alone in first postwar years. What's your guess on the number?

DO YOU realize what the potential expenditures for home buying authorized by the "G-I Bill of Rights" would amount to if all of 15 million veterans chose to build or buy homes at a cost of \$10,000 each? This is the maximum they can spend for homes with a \$2,000 down payment guaranteed by the Veterans Administration. The figure is fantastic. It amounts to \$150 billions.

This is merely romancing with figures. We know it will be impossible for all veterans to qualify to take on such an obligation, even if they were all disposed to load themselves with such a burden of debt.

It is, however, conceivable that as many as 10 per cent of the veterans might wish to build homes averaging \$7500 in cost, and that at least this many could satisfy FHA credit requirements for such a loan.

What a building boom this alone forecasts! Add to this the tremendous pent-up demand for homes for civilians who, by the end of the war in Europe, will have saved over \$100 billions, much of which is known to be earmarked for down payment on new homes?

It is easier than ever to see the truth of predictions of a million homes a year for at least the first five post-war years.

What an opportunity this unfolds to the home builders of America! What a death knell this can toll for public housing! How can anyone get to first base advocating public housing when, with no down payment, 15 million of our population have an open door to home ownership?

We have as yet heard no one interpret this law in just this way. But regardless of the regulations which the Veterans Administration sets up for the operation of the law, we can read American English, and it clearly states this in the bill. Now you read it yourself.

Sec. 505 of Public Law 346-78th Congress, which is the "G-I Bill of Rights," reads as follows:

"In any case wherein a principal loan, for any of the purposes stated in section 501, 502, or 503, is approved by a Federal agency to be made or guaranteed or insured by it pursuant to applicable law and regulations, and the veteran is in need of a second loan to cover the remainder of the purchase price or cost, or a part thereof, the administrator, subject otherwise to the provisions of this title, including the limitation of \$2,000 on the total amount which may be guaranteed, may guarantee the full amount

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Will Labor Practices Nip This Big Potential Building Boom in the Bud?

Arbitrary restrictions of the amount of work building mechanics are permitted to perform for a day's pay, refusal to install mill-fabricated parts, slows home building, sky-rockets costs.

Good Public Relations for Labor

LABOR will win great public support if it takes steps now to cut building costs by streamlining its methods and encouraging greater production per man hour.

A CONFUSED and uncertain outlook is all that one gets in seeking the attitude of organized labor in the building industry with relation to improved methods of construction devised to lower the cost of home building in the postwar era.

American Builder started an investigation of this problem by asking home builders operating in union organized areas what progress could be made in lowering the cost of home building through the co-operation of the unions.

When we had secured a list of

union-dictated practices which, if eliminated, would reduce home building costs, we next asked labor leaders what they planned to do about them to help bring building costs down.

Here are some of the union practices which builders claim cause costs to remain high:

1. Simple concrete form work must be done by carpenters when it could easily be handled by unskilled labor, releasing carpenters for the types of work which require the skill of a trained and experienced mechanic.

2. The use of ready-mixed concrete

is prohibitive in cost in some highly organized areas, because a higher rate must be paid the truck driver hauling concrete than when he hauls anything else.

3. Lathers are restricted on the amount of lath they are permitted to put up in an eight-hour day. The result is that the average lather is finished with what he is permitted to do in from four to five hours. He just sits on the job idle and puts in the balance of his time doing nothing. If he works beyond the quota given

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EIGHT rafters are notched with one stroke of this new Uni-Point saw acquired by Syracuse builder Andrew Mayer, and used by him and partners in precutting Title VI jobs. Using multiple cutting methods, the two men above notched 286 rafters in 1 1/4 hours. Building costs were drastically reduced by power equipment.

An exclusive "on-the-job"
American builder story

By Joseph W. Mason
Editor

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GEORGE Johnson, left, and Andrew Mayer, right, who teamed up for war building. Third partner, Gustave Dent, is pictured on cover with new saw.

GUSTAVE DENT, George Johnson and Andrew Mayer first got acquainted and then became friends at meetings of the Better Builders' Association of Syracuse, N. Y.

They had been competitors for years, but it was not until they started arguing out mutual problems at Association meetings that they discovered that the other fellow was not such a so-and-so after all.

All three were good, substantial builders, each accustomed to going his own individualistic way building a few houses a year.

The war changed things quickly. The Better Builders' Association became a part of the National Association of Home Builders. George Johnson and Andy Mayer made frequent trips to Washington to attend national meetings where they learned what was happening to builders everywhere. Gus Dent stayed at home and did his best to keep things going.

At meetings of the Better Builders' group, the threat of public housing in Syracuse soon became a number one topic. The association members worked long and hard to show that there was a need for private housing.

and that public housing was the wrong way. The association is still working on this subject.

During these times Dent, Johnson and Mayer got to be close friends. They tried to figure a way to get into private war housing, but individually they were afraid to tackle it. Then matters boiled down to a point where it was a case of some big outside firm from New York coming into Syracuse, or of having the building done by the public housers. That was where the firm of Dent-Johnson-Mayer, Inc., originated.

"The boys from Syracuse" pooled their brains, experience, equipment and sufficient capital to set up a going concern. They soon found that three heads were better than one. Each had a particular type of experience or some special ability that contributed. The experiment in co-operation developed into a sound, successful business venture. The firm built more than 200 houses, and the builders, individually and collectively, have had the most successful business venture in their entire careers.

Power equipment has played an important part in the success of their wartime building, and it is one item

that will be definitely continued in peacetime work. The day I visited their Syracuse job one of the first things I was taken to see was the new Monarch Uni-Point radial saw which had just been acquired, and which is pictured above. Andy Mayer had made a thorough study of power cutting methods, and as a result of his recommendation all lumber was pre-cut in a central cutting shed. Some of the Title VI houses they built were fairly well scattered over several blocks. Precut lumber was trucked from the central shed to the sites.

The pooled equipment of the three builders made this one of the best equipped jobs I have ever seen, and included Carter electric door mortisers, Porter-Cable power hand saws, a Delta woodworker, and numerous other items. The combined brains and experiences of the three men enabled them to develop unusually effi-

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Brains, Experience, Equipment"

How three competitors joined forces to do a better war housing job, learned a lot that will apply to peacetime building

1—First got acquainted and became friends at Better Builders' Association meeting.

2—Co-operated to keep out public housing and outside firms.

3—Tackled local Title VI war house jobs on co-operative basis, pooling equipment.

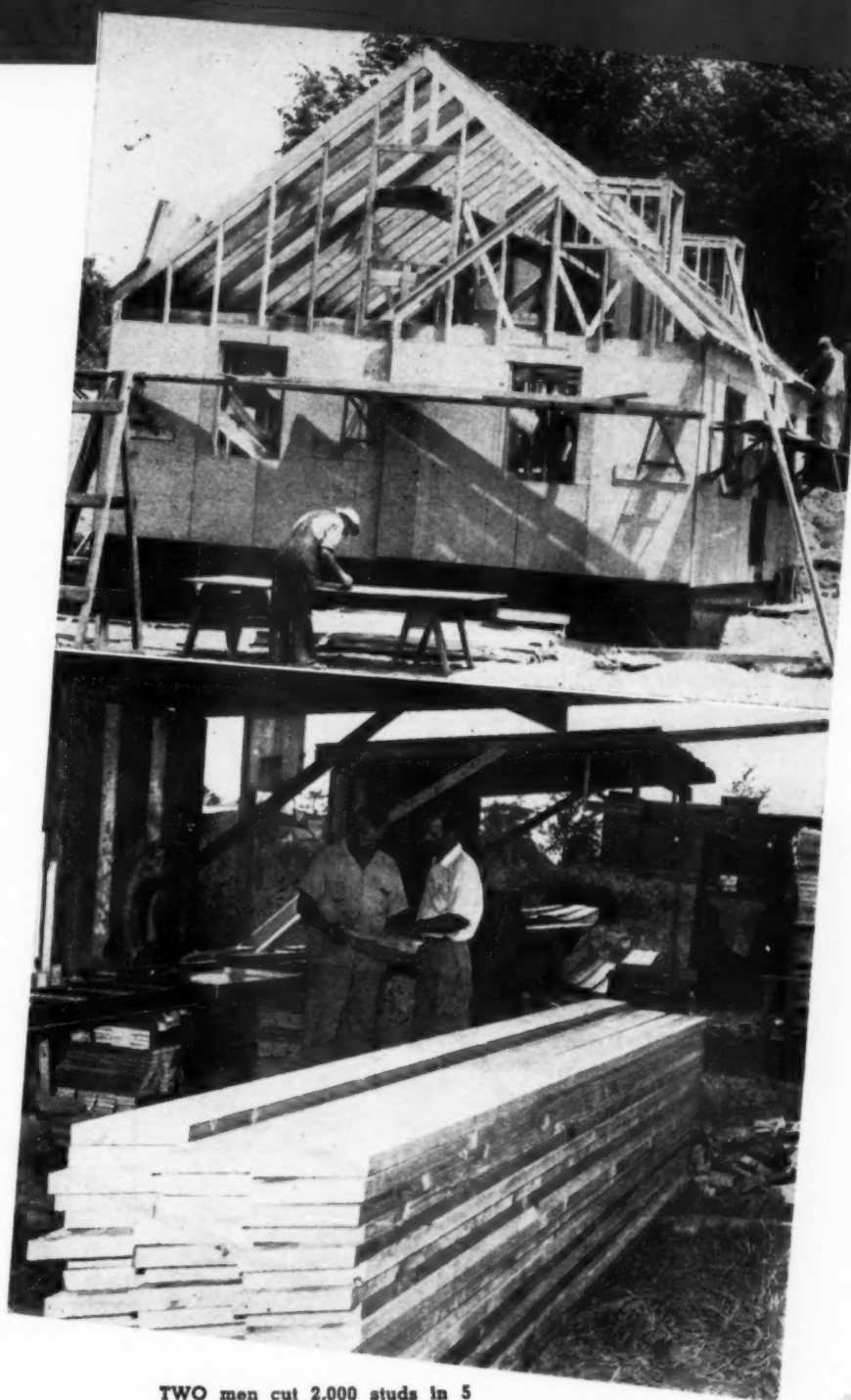
4—Preact all lumber in central cutting shed. Made maximum use of other power equipment, such as electric door mortisers, resulting in much lower costs.

5—Found that "three heads are better than one." May continue co-operative building, and will certainly employ improved techniques in peacetime.

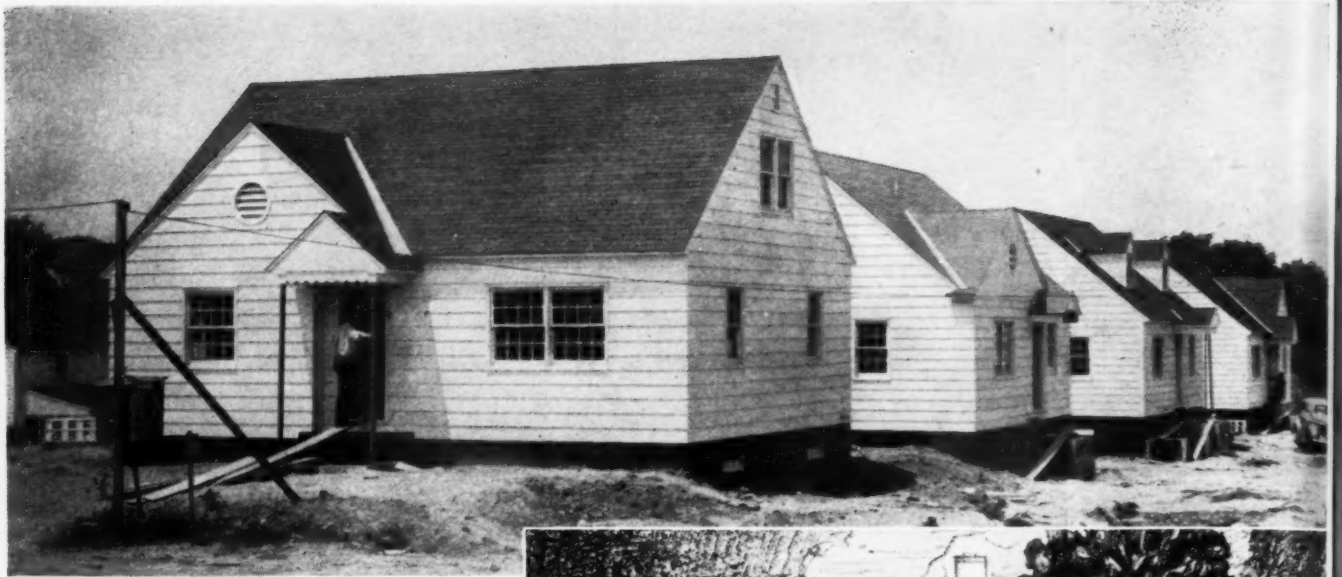
cient methods of scheduling and controlling the job that resulted in very real economies. All three work on the job, and also act as foremen or supervisors.

So successful has this venture been that it is probable that they will continue some sort of co-operative plan in peacetime work. They pointed out the advantages of acquiring a considerable tract of land which can be completely controlled as to community planning, architecture and general layout, with each builder putting up his own houses in conformity with an over-all plan. This offers a real opportunity for better houses and better communities in the future, and will be a potent answer, they believe, to public housing projects.

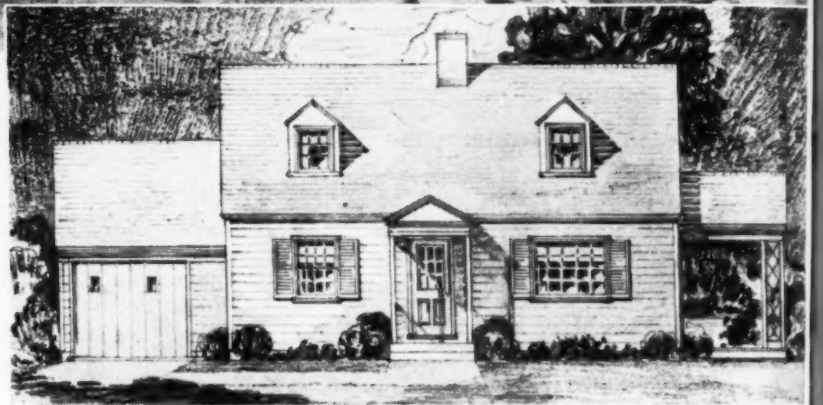
The cost-cutting and time-saving features of power equipment were most clearly demonstrated by the Uni-Point saw, which Andy Mayor declares he bought after reading about



TWO men cut 2,000 studs in 5 hours. At top: one of Title VI houses going up. Bottom: Gus Dent and Andy Mayer talk precutting.



ROW OF TITLE VI houses under construction by Syracuse builders Dent, Johnson, and Mayer. These are planned so that garage, porch, and upstairs bedrooms can be added as indicated in sketch at right. Wolfe Markham, architect.

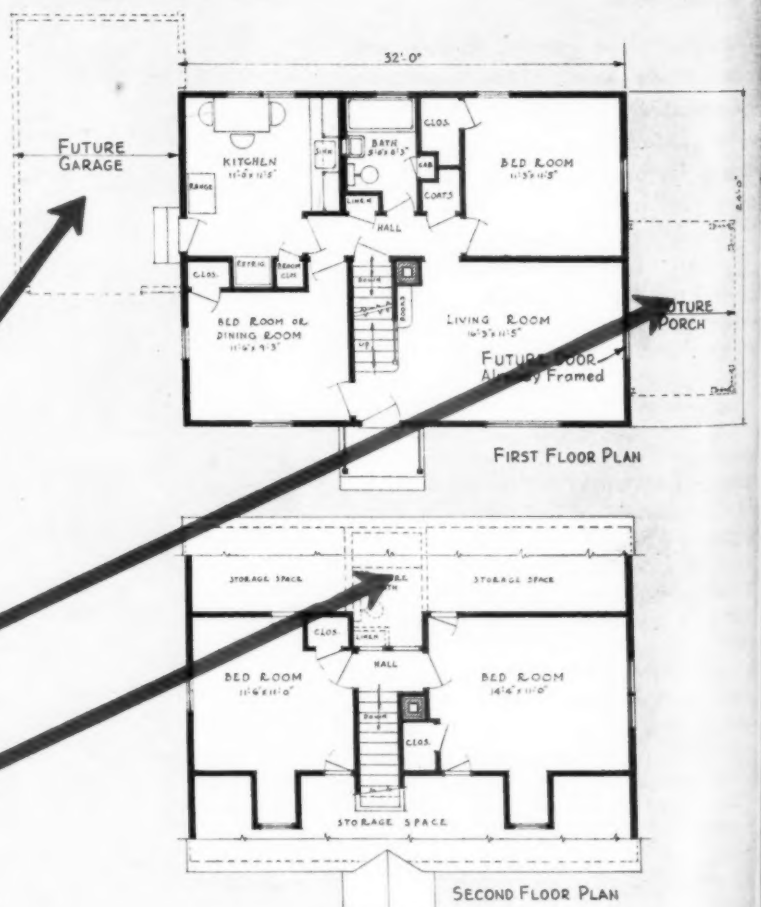


it in the advertising pages of *American Builder*.

More than 2,000 studs were cut to exact size by two men in five hours. Another operation, which was carefully clocked, was the multiple cutting of rafters. A four-knife rafter notch cutter was used, which notched eight rafters with one stroke of the saw: actual cutting time, 8 seconds. Two men cut 286 rafters notches in one hour and 45 minutes.

According to Andy Mayer, an even greater use of mechanized equipment will take place in postwar building. He foresees still further development in the building of sub-assemblies, even to the possible extent of building complete wall sections with doors and windows

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War houses planned for peacetime expansion

- 1—LACK of garage is one of principal faults of war houses. These builders provide buyer with plan for garage to be added later, fitting architecture of house.
- 2—BECAUSE everyone wants a porch, buyers are shown how this future "outdoor living room" can be added. Future door is properly framed when house is built.
- 3—FUTURE bath is provided in these Title VI plans, and can be added at minimum cost. Also the two second floor bedrooms add greatly to the future value of the house.

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CASE STUDY of costs was made of this Colonial house in Lombard, Ill.

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AFTER receiving predictions from many sources of the cost-to-be of homes in the postwar period, *American Builder* decided to get the real cost picture from some of the builders themselves.

The Charles H. Cress Building Company, Lombard, Ill., is the first to provide us with complete data on a cost study. This study was carefully made by H. Viktor Hoyer, superintendent of construction for the Cress Company, who directed

the costing and building of the house shown here in the 1941-42 period.

Based on today's labor and material costs, he secured sub-contract bids and quotations on materials and equipment, based on ceiling prices. After conferences with his supplier, Hoyer believes that, unless abnormal inflation comes, the costs taken today should reflect about the cost of post-war homes, assuming that war conditions will permit the resumption of normal home building during 1945.

How Much Have YOUR Costs Increased? * * * Cress Says His Have Risen 15%



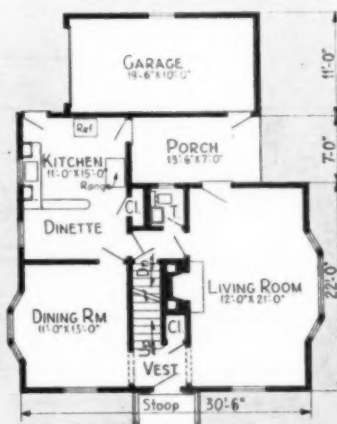
COSTS ON HOUSE BUILT in 1941-42 Period Are Shown Below, Left. Today's Prices Are Shown on Right.

Item	1941-42 Contract	Today's Costs
Excavation and Rough Grading.....	\$ 80.00	\$ 88.00
Walks and Drives.....	35.00	40.00
Iron Work—Structural.....	139.29	145.00
Tile—Bath and Powder Room.....	47.50	55.00
Concrete and Masonry.....	955.00	1,075.00
Carpentry—Material & Labor.....	2,800.00	3,240.00
Millwork.....	637.00	697.00
Screens.....	70.00	90.00
Finish Hardware.....	69.10	74.00
Stairs.....	86.00	95.00
Cabinets.....	75.27	95.00
Insulation (Ceiling only).....	65.00	65.00
Roofing.....	127.00	137.00
Sheet Metal.....	150.00	175.00
Heating and Plumbing.....	1,776.00	1,900.00
Medicine Cabinet and Bathroom Accessories.....	34.00	37.50
Electric Wiring.....	200.00	225.00
Electric Fixtures.....	118.90	125.00
Lathing and Plastering.....	628.00	700.00
Glass and Glazing.....	65.00	72.50
Painting.....	300.00	335.00
Window Shades.....	20.00	30.00
Linoleum.....	77.25	85.00
Permits.....	25.00	25.00
Misc. Labor and Material.....	150.00	150.00
Profit and Overhead.....	874.00	1,200.00
Totals.....	\$9,293.21	\$10,856.00

SPACIOUS living room with fireplace and bay, screened porch, dinette separated by service bar from kitchen, roomy closets and sleeping rooms spell advanced planning.

COMPARE This Case Study WITH YOUR COSTS

COSTS VARY greatly from section to section throughout the country. While one area may show a 15 per cent increase, others may show rises of more or less than this amount. *American Builder* invites you to send in your cost studies if you have already made them and are willing to have them published.



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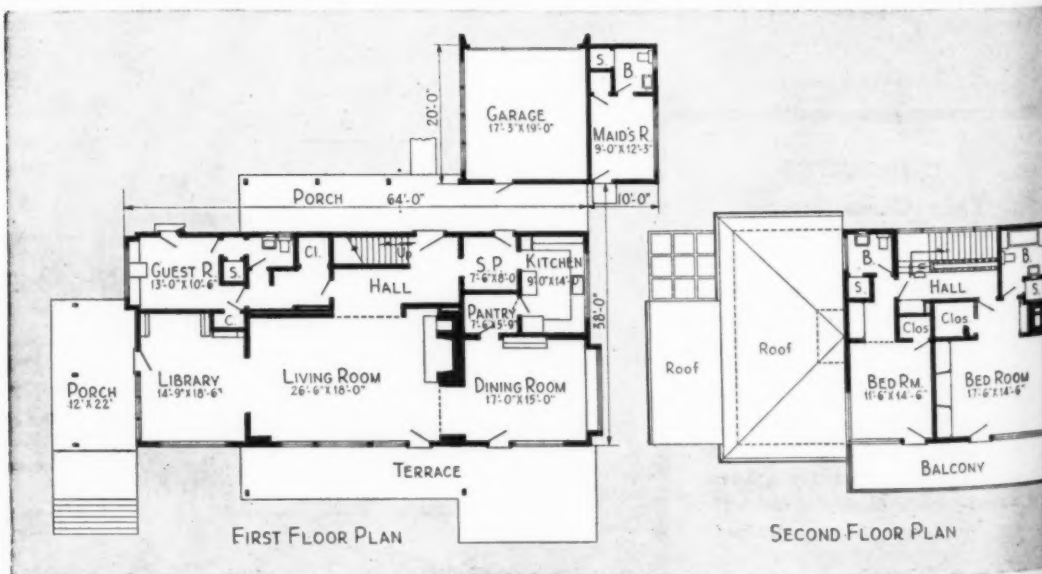
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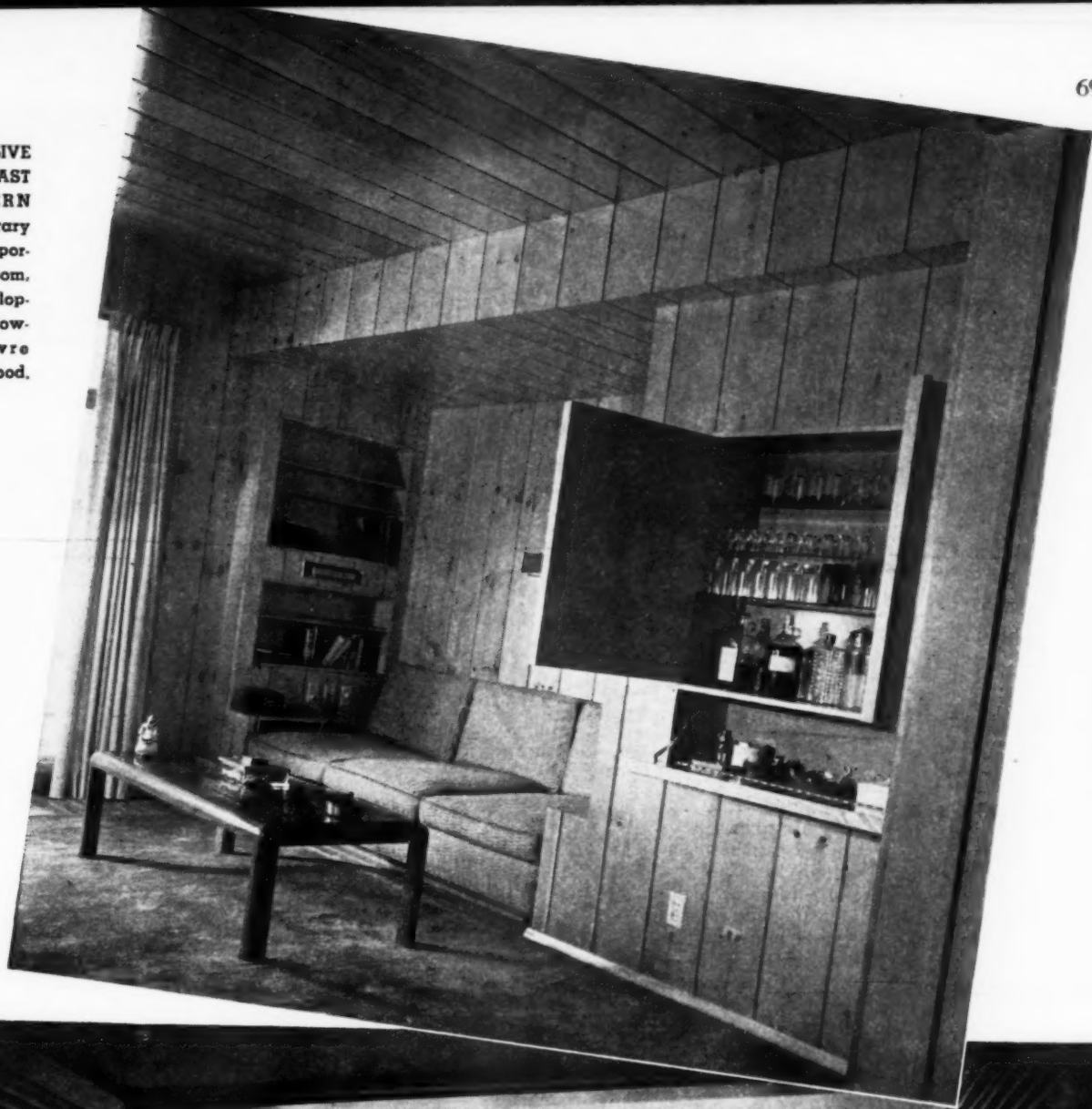
This California House "Looks Ahead"

Built late in '41 from designs by the office of Paul Laszlo of Beverly Hills, this example of straight-line functional planning is exerting a stimulating influence on postwar home design thinking. . . .

RESIDENCE of Erich Philipp, Los Angeles, with its 64-foot frontage, is a far cry from compressed, skimped space war housing! Its generous dimensions and modern comfort facilities visualize those postwar "dream home" features that America is looking forward to. The photograph above, by Maynard L. Parker, shows the garden-front of this house; floor plan at right.



POSTWAR EXPANSIVE
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Two Small Shops On a Narrow Lot

Postwar commercial uses of narrow-front lots may be like the two stores photographed below

A DOUBLE STORE building of high-grade, exclusive appearance to go on a 25-foot lot, is selected to carry along *American Builder's* current series of suggestions for small neighborhood business structures for the postwar period.

This is a building erected by Kersey Kinsey of Los Angeles, from plans by Randall Duell, Architect, and J. B. McIntosh, Registered Civil Engineer. It is laid out for use as a dress or haberdashery shop, but not as a food market.

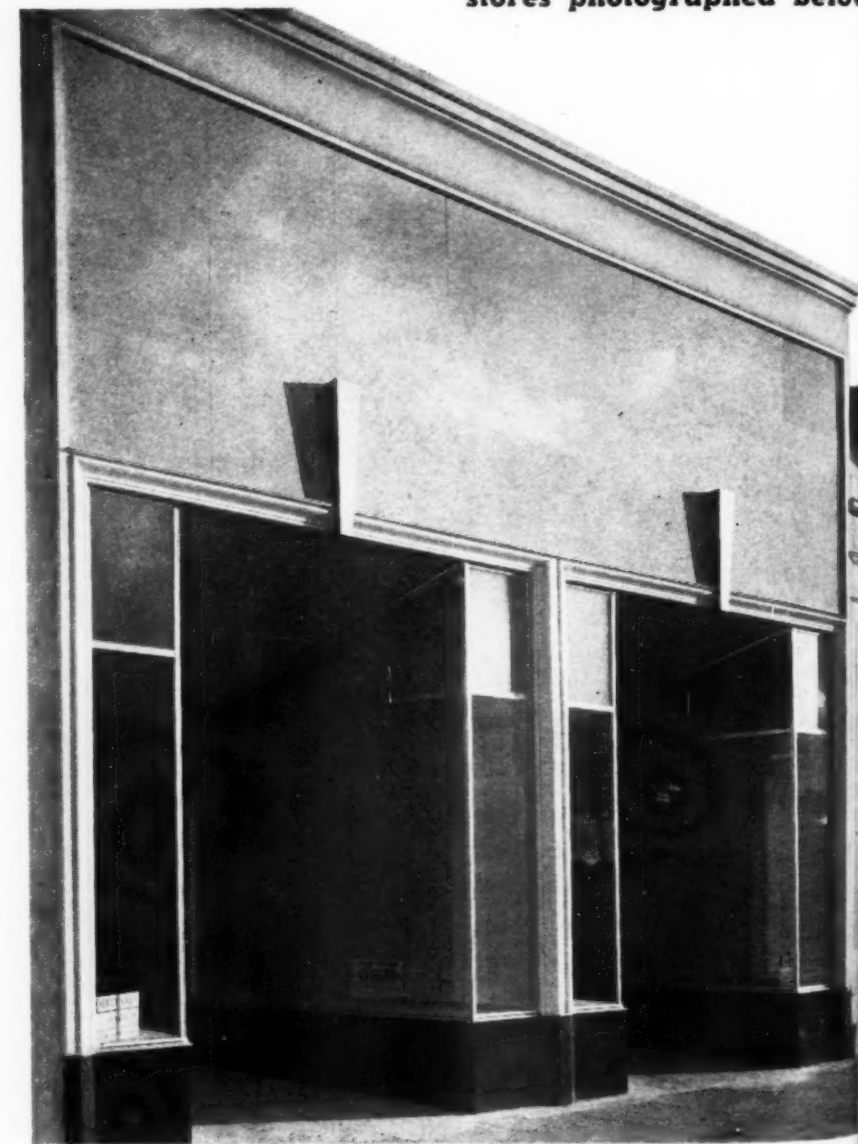
The front is impressive in black structural glass, aluminum mouldings and key-stone ornaments, and polished terrazzo entrance floors gently slope to the glass doors, which are recessed 9 feet from the front line.

As indicated by the construction details on the page opposite, this is a building of braced wood frame, with cement stucco side walls and rear. The bracing conforms to the California law for quake-proof construction, and is a good safety provision for any section of the country.

Builders will be interested in the framing system used here to carry the wide all-glass front with sufficient strength and stiffness over this 25-foot span. Three 4" x 12" wood posts, 22 feet long are used (with 6 x 10's indicated as an alternate). The horizontals are 4 x 8's; and all are securely strapped and bolted together by 1½" x 1" steel connectors. The posts rest on 3/16" x 12" bearing plates, well bolted down to the concrete foundation.

This building is 60 feet deep, the front 10 feet being used for display windows. Half way back, 3' by 7' skylights are placed in the flat roof. Toilet rooms, 4' x 5'-3", are partitioned off at the rear. The roof is framed with 2" x 6" rafters on 24" centers, covered with 1" x 6" diagonal sheathing and compo. roofing. It slopes 12" from rear to front, where roof drains and downspouts take the run-off to the street.

The trend of postwar development seems to be toward the outer edges of towns, where communities will need neighborhood shopping centers. Small commercial buildings will be necessary to house the various types of stores to



accommodate all the family shopping.

Comparatively small investments, both as to land and building, if well planned and attractively executed, will fill the bill.

New materials for store fronts and efficient interior layouts, and adequate lighting will attract both renters and buying public.

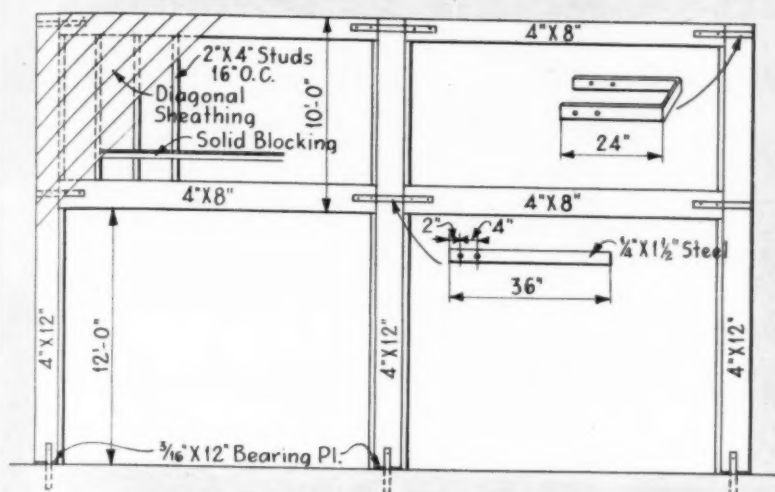
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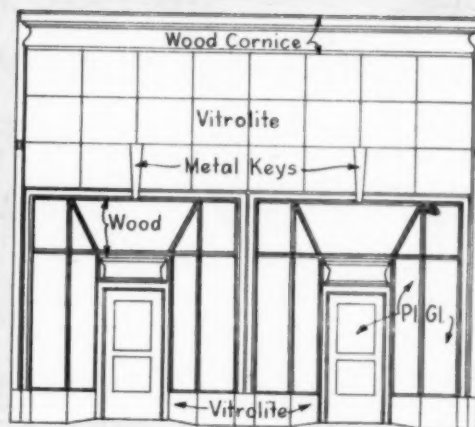
The retail buying public wants new appearance as to exteriors of buildings, plus comfortable and streamlined shopping facilities. Many a profitable building job can be created by suggesting such investments to owners of suitable vacant properties.

BUILD UP YOUR SALES PORTFOLIO OF POSTWAR DESIGNS

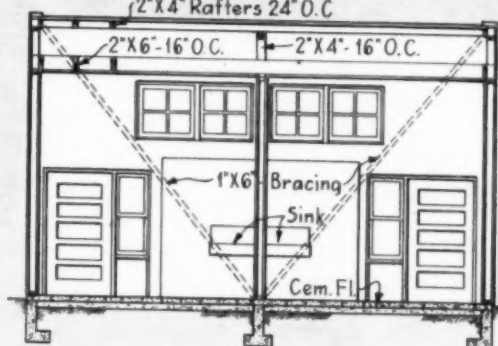
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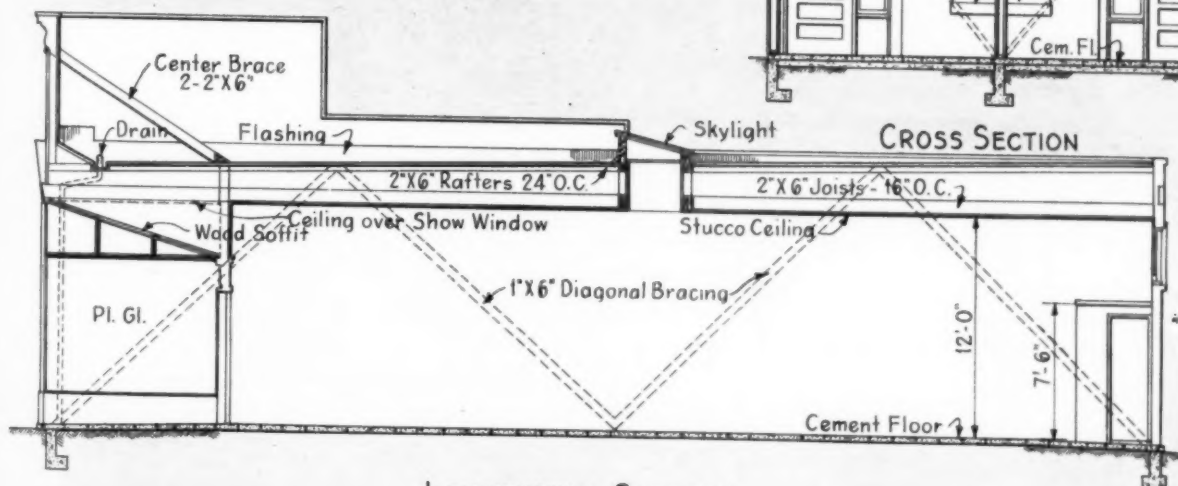
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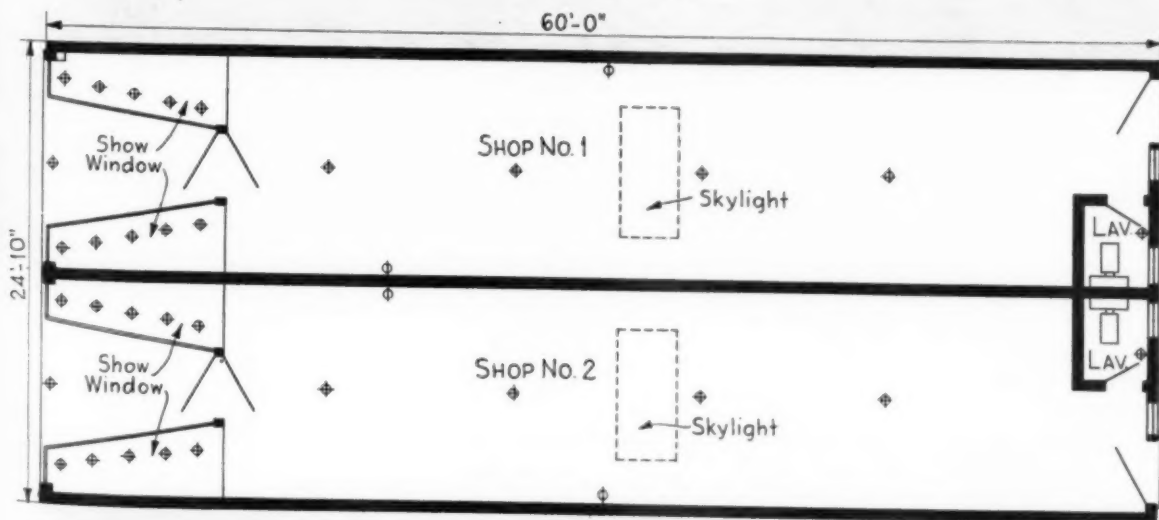
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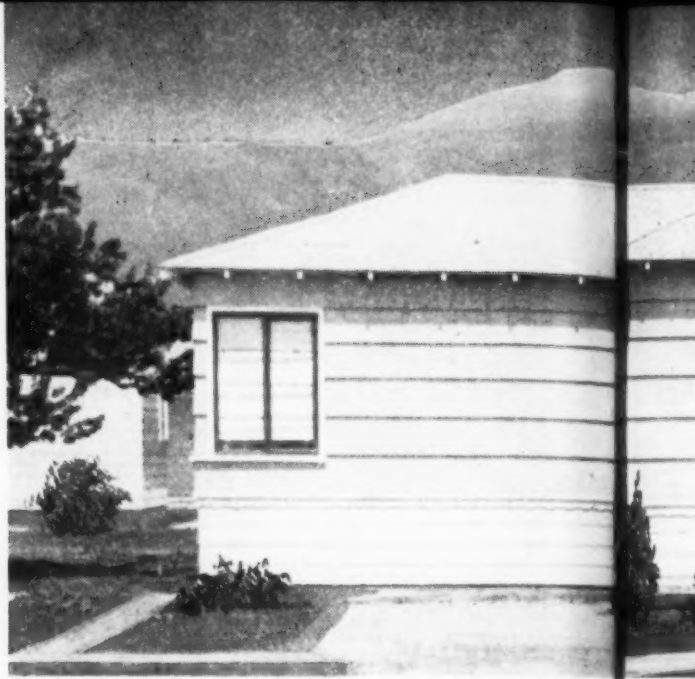
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BE READY FOR THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING WAVE TO COME

Private Home Builders Play Spectacular Part In San Francisco Bay Region's War Housing

By

*Francis L. Newton, Executive Secretary
Associated Home Builders of San Francisco*



THE above basic floor plan was used for 100 houses in the San Rafael area.



IN FEW other sections of the country have private home builders provided as great a variety of attractive Title VI homes as those builders of the San Francisco Bay Region.

FHA, since the initiation of Title VI, has issued commitments for a total of 27,399 homes for the five counties about San Francisco Bay. Over 20,000 of these have been completed and occupied in San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin, Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

These homes include a variety of styles, ranging all the way from the San Francisco row house on its 24-foot lot with its individual front to the single-story California farm house bungalow of the suburban counties. They have done much to pin down the labor turnover in the 33 large and small shipyards scattered about the shores of the five counties which have witnessed, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's latest preliminary figures, a population increase of 371,000 since April of 1940.

Over 90 per cent of the Title VI homes built in these counties have been constructed by builders affiliated through their local chapters with the National Association of Home Builders. These organizations include the Associated Home Builders of San Francisco, the parent western chapter of the National Association, Associated Home Builders of Alameda County, Marin Builders' Association, and Peninsula General Contractors and Builders' Association.

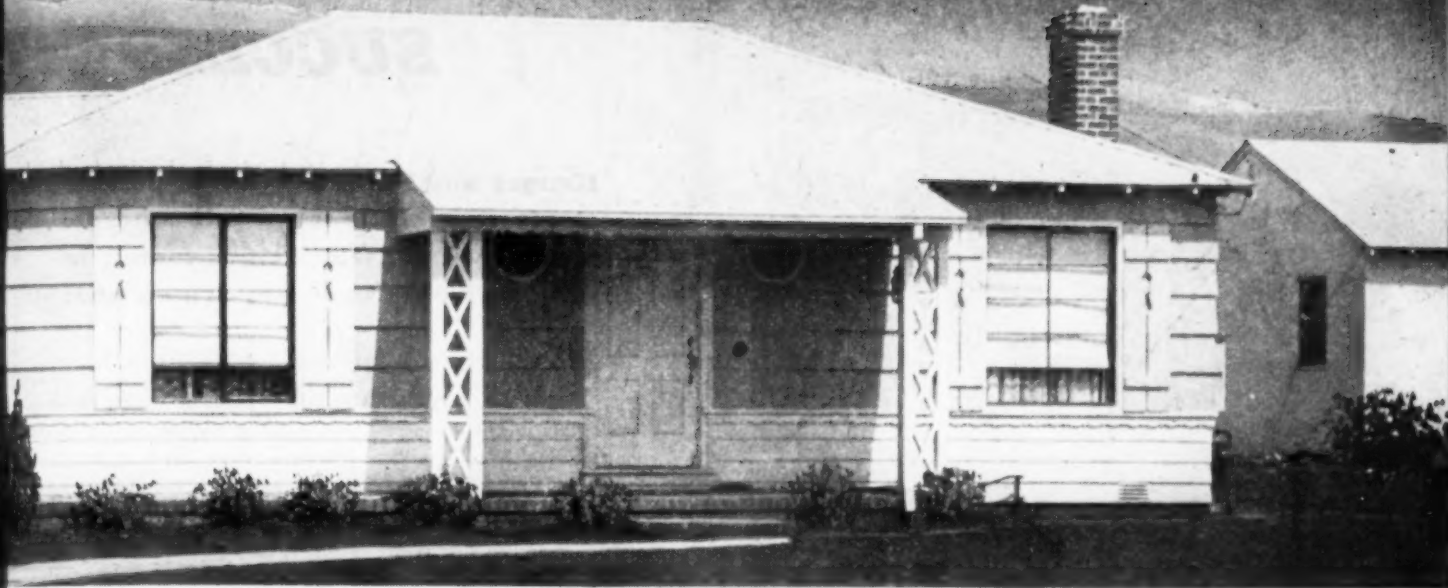
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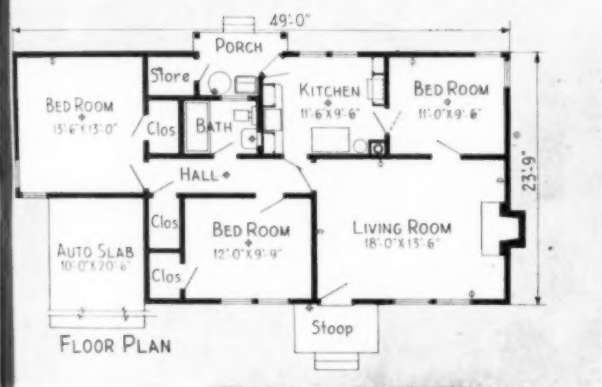
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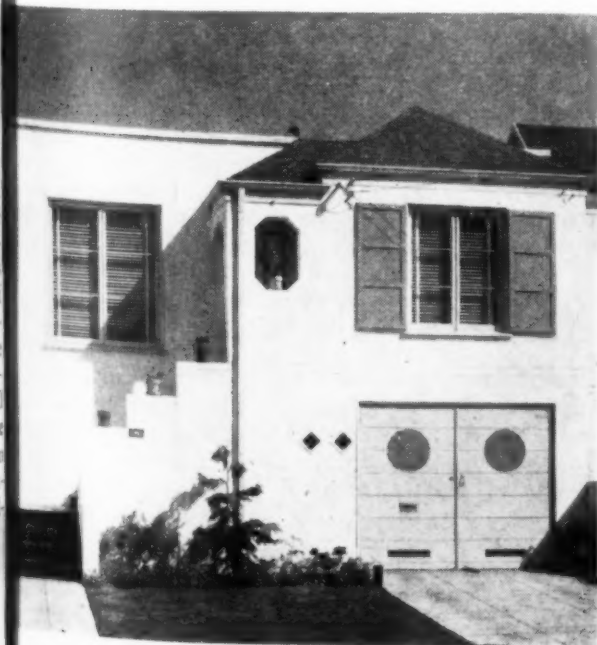
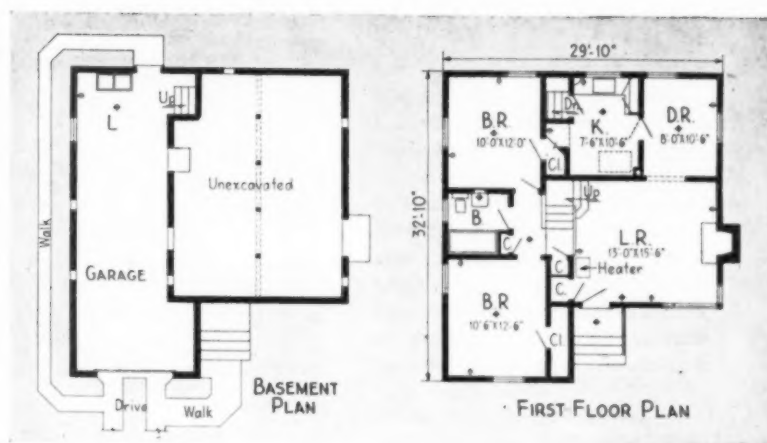
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RANCH-TYPE houses similar to the one pictured above are gaining popularity rapidly in various parts of the country.



MANY individual as well as row-type houses in the San Francisco area have two levels with garage under part of the house.



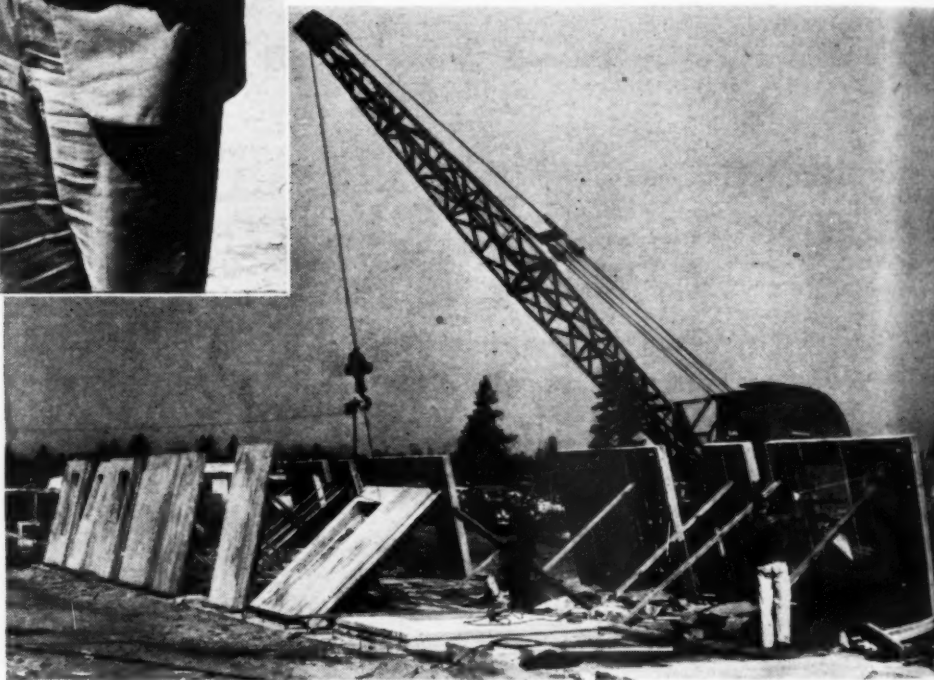


SUCCESS AT LA

Kruger and Funk of Tacoma demonstrate revolutionary all-concrete method on 29 war homes to sell at same price as ordinary frame ones

F. J. KRUGER and THOMAS F. FUNK, patentee (right), developers of this practical concrete slab building method, photographed on the job by "American Builder." They plan to franchise home building developers in other states to use their system.

RIGHT: At casting yard the wall panels, molded flat, are raised by power crane on fifth day and trucked to building site foundations as needed, one complete house to a load; weight—about 13 tons. Panels vary in width from 6 to 15 feet by story height, with window openings accurately placed according to the architect's working drawings. There are no restriction on style or design.



FOR MORE THAN three decades builders have wrestled with the idea of a poured concrete house that they could build at a cost no greater than for ordinary frame construction. As early as 1910, Thomas A. Edison proposed an elaborate set of steel forms into which an entire house could be poured in one operation; but that wizard of patented electrical devices found that home building was quite a different matter; and nothing came of his all-concrete house dream except newspaper publicity and disappointment.

Later, Van Guilder offered his hollow-wall machine for molding house walls in place by a succession of poured-on layers to reach, finally, the desired wall height; but, after flourishing briefly, this method lost its converts.

Then Peter Frantz proposed pouring the house walls flat (horizontal) at the building site and raising them,

when set, to their vertical positions. Special equipment was developed for this purpose and a number of houses were built. Stag Field at the University of Chicago was fenced by this lay-down-stand-up method. However, for the average home builder, the advantages of this system did not appear sufficiently attractive, and it was soon forgotten.

John J. Earley, famous concrete products man and sculptor of Washington, D. C., ten years ago developed a small-house system of shop-cast concrete panels, and put up several houses at Bethesda, Md., using these as a 2-inch veneer on a heavy stud frame (*Amer. Bldr. Nov., 1934*). They were beautiful to look at and enjoyed prompt consumer acceptance, but proved too expensive, and were not truly fire-safe.

With all of this background and concrete-house history in mind, imagine the amazement of your *American*

Builder correspondent in recently running onto the elaborate casting yard and the 29-house accomplishment in pre-cast concrete panel construction of Royalith Builders (Messrs. F. J. Kruger and Thomas J. Funk) just beyond So. Tacoma, Washington, on the Fort Lewis road near Lakewood Community Center!

Here was a demonstration of all-concrete, fire-safe home building by use of large pre-cast slabs or wall panels, creating good looking small homes for war industry workers in a subdivision development approved by FHA and offered at the standard price for similar houses of ordinary construction!

Shades of Thomas A. Edison, Van Guilder and Frantz!

Also, we were astonished to find no local newspaper ballyhoo from these two practical-minded inventor-builders! They have preferred, rather, to concentrate on the physical prob-

AT **LAST!—With Pre-cast Concrete Panels for House Walls**

**WALLS OF PRE-CAST
CONCRETE GIVE FIRE-
SAFE HOMES AT \$6,000**

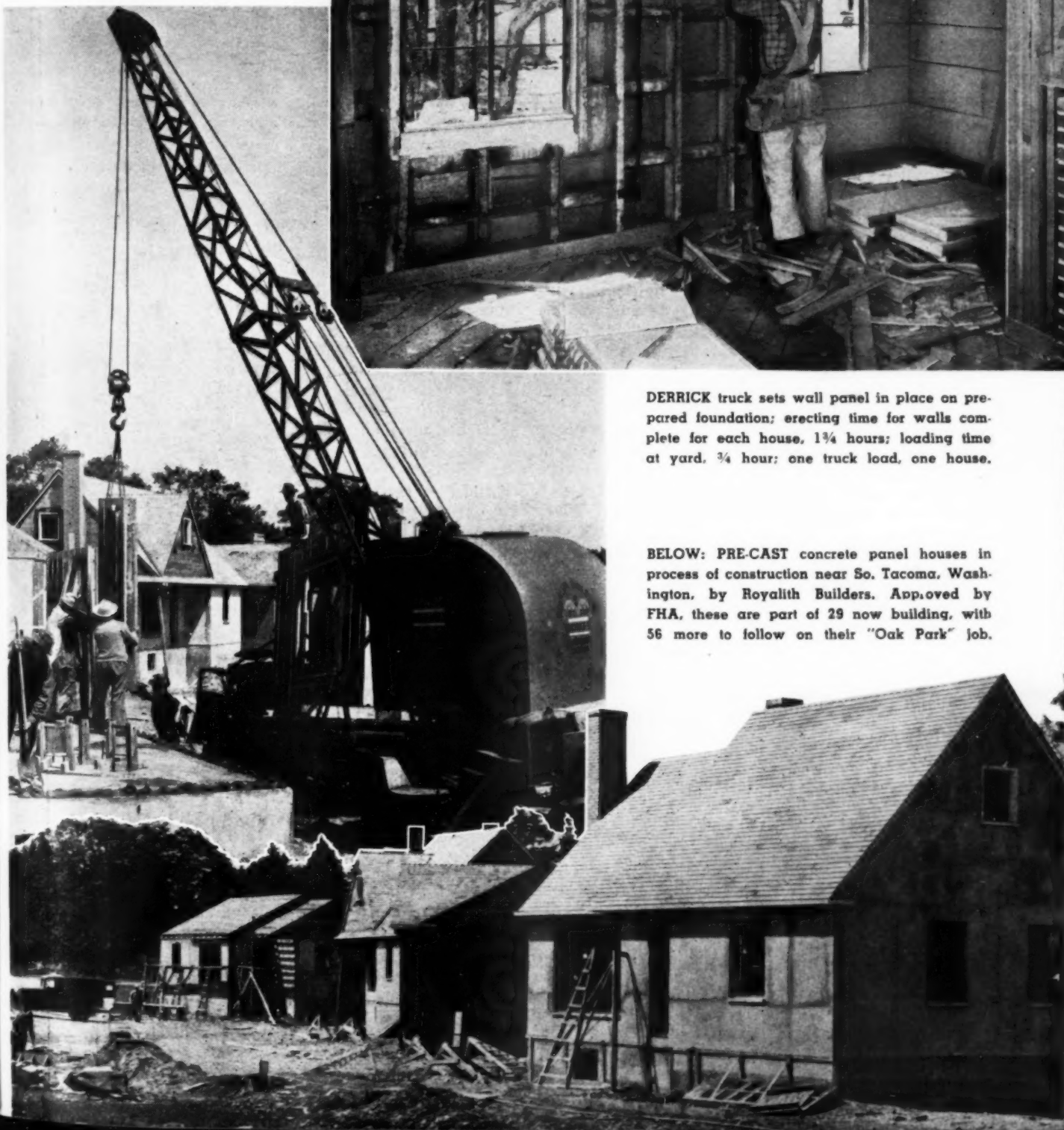
By Bernard L. Johnson

RIGHT: Nailing gyplath onto pre-cast concrete slab for inside finish of house.



DERRICK truck sets wall panel in place on prepared foundation; erecting time for walls complete for each house, 1 3/4 hours; loading time at yard, 3/4 hour; one truck load, one house.

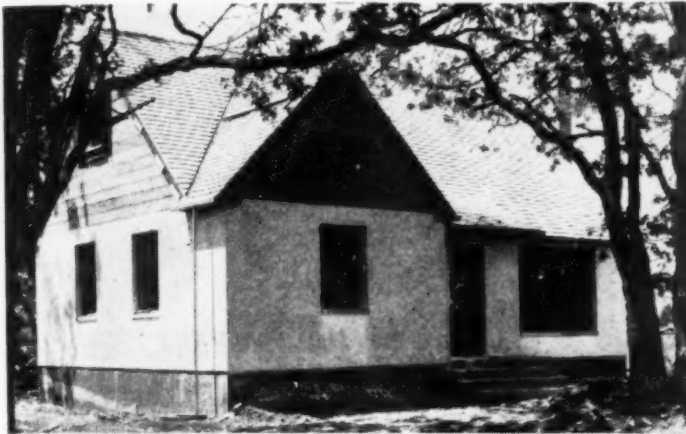
BELOW: PRE-CAST concrete panel houses in process of construction near So. Tacoma, Washington, by Royalith Builders. Approved by FHA, these are part of 29 now building, with 56 more to follow on their "Oak Park" job.



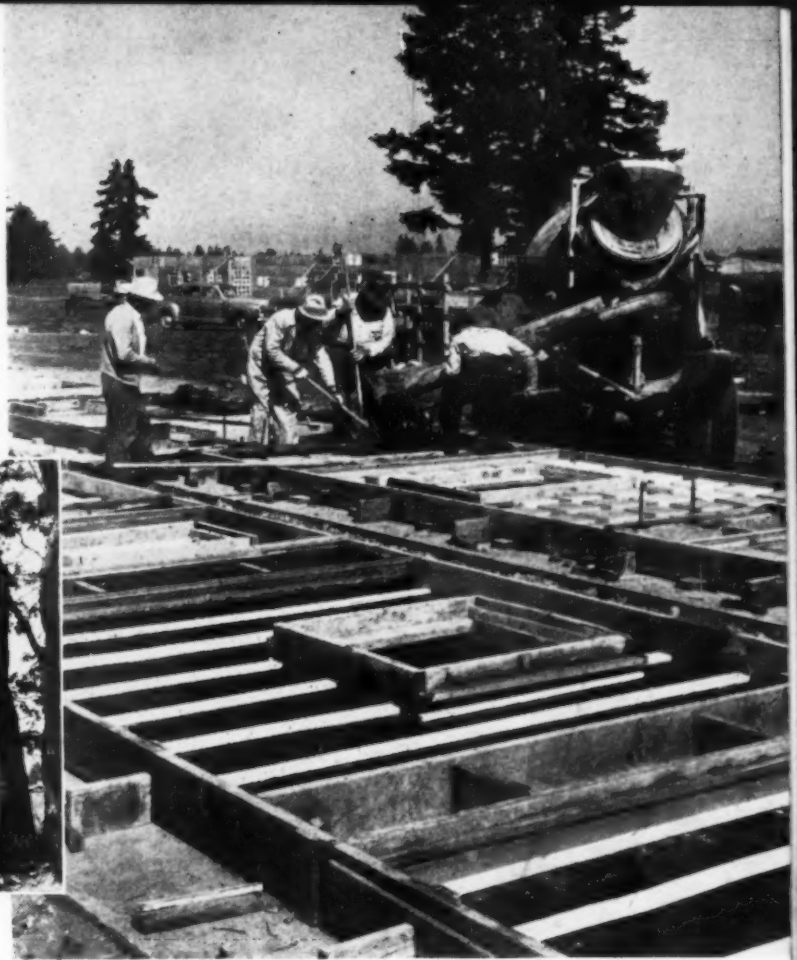
five days, and are then hauled to the building site and fitted together on the prepared foundation in quick time and without "grief."

The experience of Mr. Kruger of Royalith Builders and Mr. Funk representing the Stevens Systems, Inc., which controls the patents on this type of construction, gave a loading time per house at the casting yard of 45 minutes, and an unloading and setting time at the house foundation of 1 hour 40 minutes.

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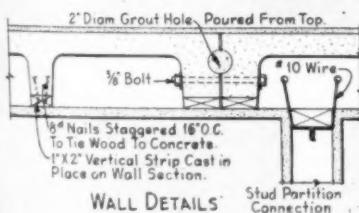


ROYALITH house with walls completed, finished with stucco coat over pre-cast concrete panels.



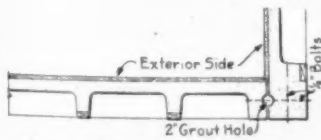
POURING readymix into wall panel forms at casting yard. Four substantial concrete strips, 12 by 200 feet, give an accurate working base. Tar paper is first laid, then the embedded nailing strips, window forms and edge joint moulds. Sand-filled cartons are placed as cores.

BELOW: Details of ROYALITH method of pre-cast concrete construction, plans of above house.

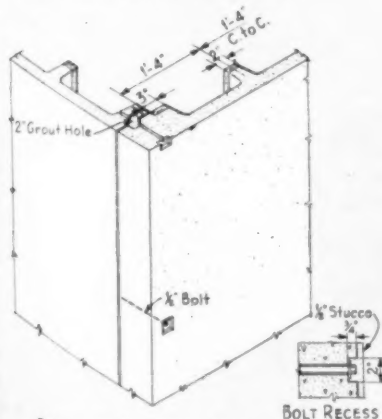


WALL DETAILS

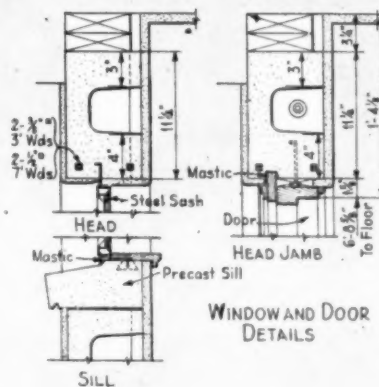
Stud Partition Connection



PLAN OF REENTRANT CORNER

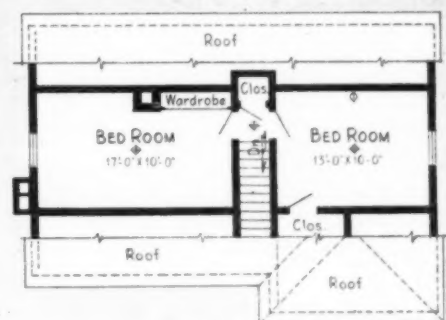


DETAIL OF EXTERIOR CORNER JOINT.

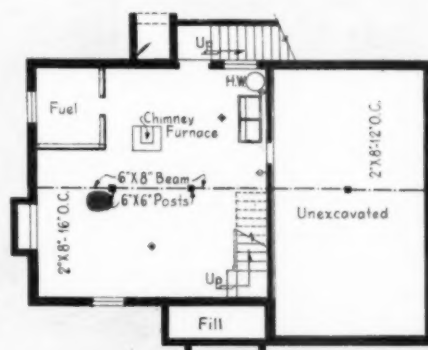


WINDOW AND DOOR DETAILS

SILL



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



BASEMENT PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



STREET VIEW of prefabricated housing units being erected on Alabama project after demounting and shipping from original site

How 140 Demountables Were Moved and Re

Having served its purpose as a war housing project, a group of prefabricated units will now relieve a housing shortage 800 miles away.

FROM time to time there has been speculation on the possibility of moving much of the demountable war housing to new locations. Now this job has been done in several spots; here is how one such transfer was handled. The pattern may be repeated many times in relocating such temporary quarters.

In this case, a housing project of some 140 demountable family units, which had served its purpose in connection with an ordnance plant at Burlington, Iowa, was recently moved more than 800 miles to Sayre, a mining district near Birmingham, Ala. Here these units will relieve a housing shortage in connection with coal mining operations of the Republic Steel Corporation.

The one- two- and three-family units of frame construction were originally erected in Burlington by Willis Way System with Louis Justement as architect. They were dismounted, shipped to Alabama and re-

erected by Sullivan, Long & Hagerty, contractors of Bessemer, Ala., at a contract price of \$299,167. The Federal Public Housing Authority will operate the project. This concern also has the contract to erect a new community center building and to install water works.

As the houses were demounted in Burlington each wall, floor and roof section was numbered to avoid confusion in re-erection. These panels which had been put together with double headed nails were then stacked in box cars. Inside trim, hardware and other small items were

stored in coal bins. Also sink cabinets in the kitchens were used to good advantage in storing plumbing fixtures including lavatories, commodes and fittings. Shower cabinets were disassembled and crated. Some 90 box cars were required to move the disassembled houses. One of the biggest jobs was getting the bulky panels in and out of the cars.

Unloaded near the project, the materials were then trucked to the immediate site of the houses, stacked on the job and covered by tarpaulins until such time as used.

Foundations for the houses were laid on concrete block piers. The various panels for floors, walls, ceilings, gables and roofs were erected by hand, this being considered better than by derrick on account of the varied nature of the operation. Walls consist of a cypress shingle exterior, two inches of rock wool insulation



PLUMBING fixtures packed in kitchen sink cabinets and crated for shipment. Here the equipment is shown awaiting installation on the Alabama project described here.

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and plywood interior wall. Insulation is also provided between the hard-wood floor and the plywood sub-flooring, also in the ceilings.

Very little glass breakage or other damage to materials was experienced in moving and re-erecting the houses, according to L. E. Galloway, field superintendent for Sullivan, Long & Hagerty, working under L. E. Goddard, general superintendent. He said one of the biggest jobs was truing up the roofs, especially at the point where the various sections joined. This had to be done with considerable finesse in order to give the houses a finished and trim appearance. He said that some of the interior trim was broken and cracked in the moving process and had to be replaced. The contractors were obligated to replace any missing or damaged materials.

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What About Postwar PREFABRICATION?

THE building industry is studiously following all developments in factory assembled units for possible use to help deliver better housing after the war. Here is another in a series of *American Builder* stories on this subject to keep our readers up to date. More will follow as progress is made and the latest information becomes available.



ABOVE: Panels being unloaded from cars, and (BELOW) being taken off trucks at new site.



BELOW: Roof panels being re-erected; note two crews, one on ground, one on roof.



BELOW: Close-up of one of the row of houses after reassembly at the new site.



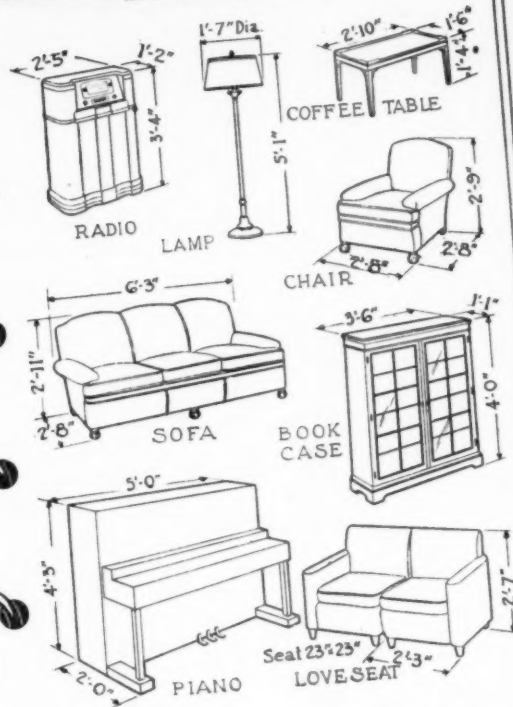
HANDY NOTEBOOK WORK SHEETS

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HOW TO PLAN LIVING ROOM FURNITURE

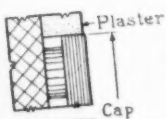
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In planning living rooms for furniture this sheet will give average dimensions. In designing and building built-in furniture the figures given may be safely followed.

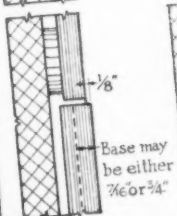
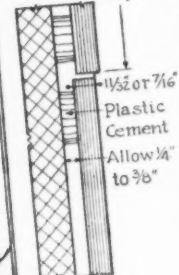
HOW TO SET GLASS WAINSCOT

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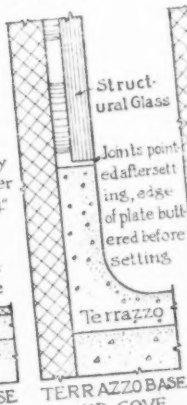


Masonry of almost any kind provides the necessary rigidity and strength required for a base. Structural glass may also be applied over metal lath on frame construction which has received a heavy coat of cement plaster. Wood backing should be avoided.

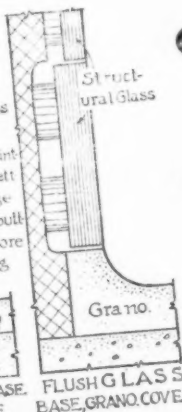
The entire backing must be painted with a bond coat. Structural glass is held in place by means of a plastic cement which bonds permanently with the glass and the wall, yet is resilient to allow for settling, shrinking and expanding. Structural glass is available in a considerable variety of colors and is annealed.



GLASS BASE AND TILE COVE



TERRAZZO BASE AND COVE



FLUSH GLASS BASE, GRANO COVE

HOW TO ESTIMATE SOFTWOOD FLOORING

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Net Sq. Ft. of Floor	BOARD FEET TO ORDER			
	Nominal Size of Flooring			
	2 1/2" x 2 3/8"	1 7/8" x 2 3/8"	1 7/8" x 2 3/8"	2 1/2" x 3 1/4"
1	1.3	1.7	2	1.3
2	2.7	3.3	4	2.6
3	4.0	5.0	6	3.9
4	5.3	6.6	8	5.2
5	6.7	8.3	10	6.5
6	8.0	10.0	12	7.8
7	9.3	11.6	14	9.0
8	10.7	13.3	16	10.3
9	12.0	14.9	18	11.6
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20	27	33	40	26
30	40	50	60	39
40	53	66	80	52
50	67	83	100	65
60	80	100	120	78
70	93	116	140	90
80	107	133	160	103
90	120	149	180	116
100	133	166	200	129
200	267	332	399	258
300	400	498	599	387
400	533	664	798	517
500	667	830	998	646
600	800	995	1,197	775
700	933	1,161	1,397	904
800	1,067	1,327	1,596	1,033
900	1,200	1,493	1,796	1,162
1000	1,334	1,659	1,995	1,295

The table figures read in board feet required, not in square feet. Five per cent has been allowed for waste, cutting and matching. EXAMPLE: To cover 473 square ft. of floor you need to order 533 + 93 + 4 = 630 board feet of 2 1/2" x 2 3/8" flooring.

Fall Repairing Jobs Are Now In Order

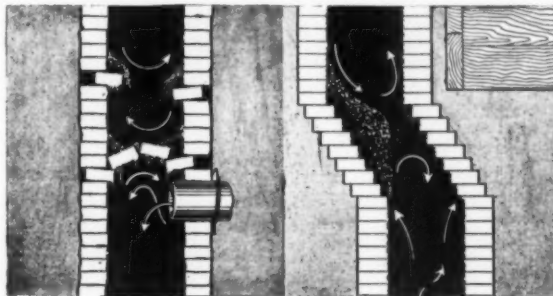
THERE is every reason in the world why all homes should be put in good repair as rapidly as possible, and most home-owners not only have the money or the credit but the desire to get their houses in ship-shape condition for the winter and the postwar period. Good paying jobs are available for the asking and materials for such work are to be had without too much fuss or red tape.

Winter-conditioning work is vitally necessary on most existing homes to avoid bad deterioration

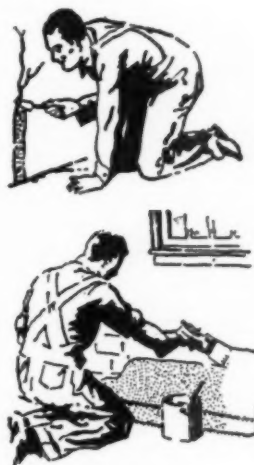


How to Check Chimney Flue for Oil Burners

MUCH of the heating troubles in houses past their prime is due to poor draft in the chimney. This lack of efficient operation is particularly important in the case of heating with an oil furnace, according to the Coleman Oil Heater manual. Partial deterioration of mortar between bricks near the top of the chimney often allow a brick to protrude into the flue or even drop down inside and partially block the throat area. Soot collects and builds up on and around rough places, or on the side of an offset as shown in the sketch. A brick or stone in a burlap bag on the end of a long rope will help dislodge and clean out obstructions if it is lowered down the chimney repeatedly. Remove the dirt from the cleanout door and then see that the door is tightly closed as it will interfere with a good draft if left open.



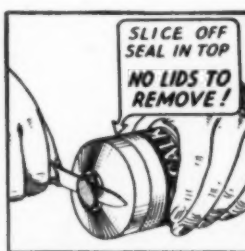
How to Waterproof Concrete Basement Walls



DAMP basements are not only an annoyance but they are responsible for a large share of structural deterioration of houses. Special materials have been perfected to unite with Portland cement to make a coating that will hold out moisture. A white powder compound that is 93 percent cement and 7 percent chemicals is mixed with 1 part Seal-set and 3 parts water and applied to the walls with either a brush or gun. The surface is wet down first, then three coats are applied, each one on the preceding one before it has set hard. Keep the last coat moist with a fine spray of water for a couple of days. There are different types of materials for walls that have been previously painted. All loose mortar and particles must be removed from the wall and cracks filled with cement mortar before applying the waterproofing. Such materials set within an hour, so it is necessary to mix only enough for use in that length of time.

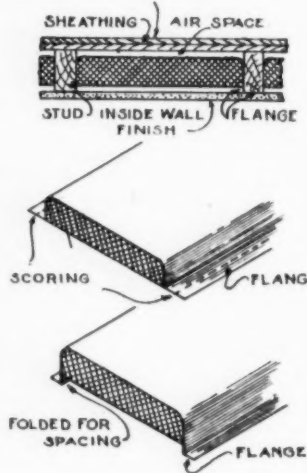
How to Use Calking Gun for Fast Work

WINTER-CONDITIONING a house calls for considerable calking at a number of different places. Unless a gun is used, and reloading the gun is easy to do in short order, the calking job is a long one. To speed this process up and make a calking job profitable, the Macklanburg-Duncan designers devised a new cartridge to go into calking guns. The loaded tube is merely dropped into the gun, the soft metal seal sliced off with a knife, the top and nozzle replaced and you are all set to continue calking. The newer calking compounds are usable in joints between all sorts of materials and will give satisfactory results.



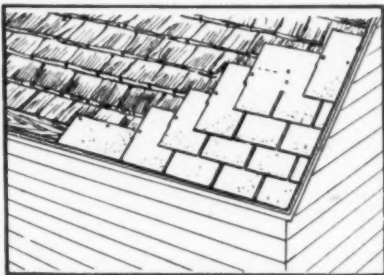
How to Install Sidewall Blanket Insulation

FUEL conservation this coming winter is as important as ever, and all kinds of insulation materials are available without priority or any difficulty on the part of the buying home-owner. Sidewall blanket insulation comes in widths suitable for standard on-center placements of studding and rafters. Be sure to use the proper width so that the flanges will fold for a tight fit. Always face the moisture-proof side of the blanket toward the inside of the house. Nail or staple the flanges at the intervals recommended by the manufacturer of the insulation being applied. If it is necessary to cut the blanket to fit against diagonal bracing or fire stops between studs, use a sharp hook knife, such as linoleum layers use. Short cutting strokes are best.



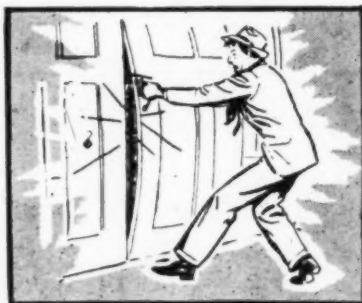
How to Re-Roof Over Old, Leaky Roofs.

UPKEEP and repair materials, such as asphalt roofing, are available for necessary activities to keep home properties and farm buildings in good repair. Before re-roofing inspect the old roof and remove rotted shingles and wood, see that flashings and valleys are waterproof, and that no nails or high spots will interfere with your doing a smooth job of re-roofing. Put a starter strip along the eaves or, if the condition of the old roofing is too bad, cut the edges off and install 1 by 2 or 1 by 3 boards nailed flush with the eaves. Along the rakes, as at the eaves, the asphalt shingles should over-lap $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and form a straight true line. Sometimes a wood strip is needed at the rake as well as at the eaves. If old shingles are badly curled, split them, nail them down, and put a shingle lath along the butts. Moss should be brushed off clean with a wire brush.



How to Fix Old Swinging Garage Doors

OVERHEAD-TYPE garage doors are the modern answer to the old swinging doors that have seen their best days. However, it may be hard to get new doors and suitable hardware for hanging them, so fixing up the old ones before winter sets in is in order. As the Fir Door Institute suggests, take a walk down almost any street and see how many old swinging doors you can count that need repairing. The first thing to do in repairing old doors is to see that the frame is square and solidly spiked in place. Then plug up the screw holes and screw the hinges down tight. Put a wire with a turnbuckle in the middle of it from the top of the inside stile to the outside or meeting end of the bottom rail of each door. Tighten the wire up to hold the door from sagging. If the glued joints of the doors are loose, drive some screws through iron angle plates at the corners. A quarter-round molding nailed on the outside bottom edges of the doors about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above the floor will shed water and avoid it from freezing under the doors.



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House Construction Methods as Detailed Show Best Parts of Substantial Framing

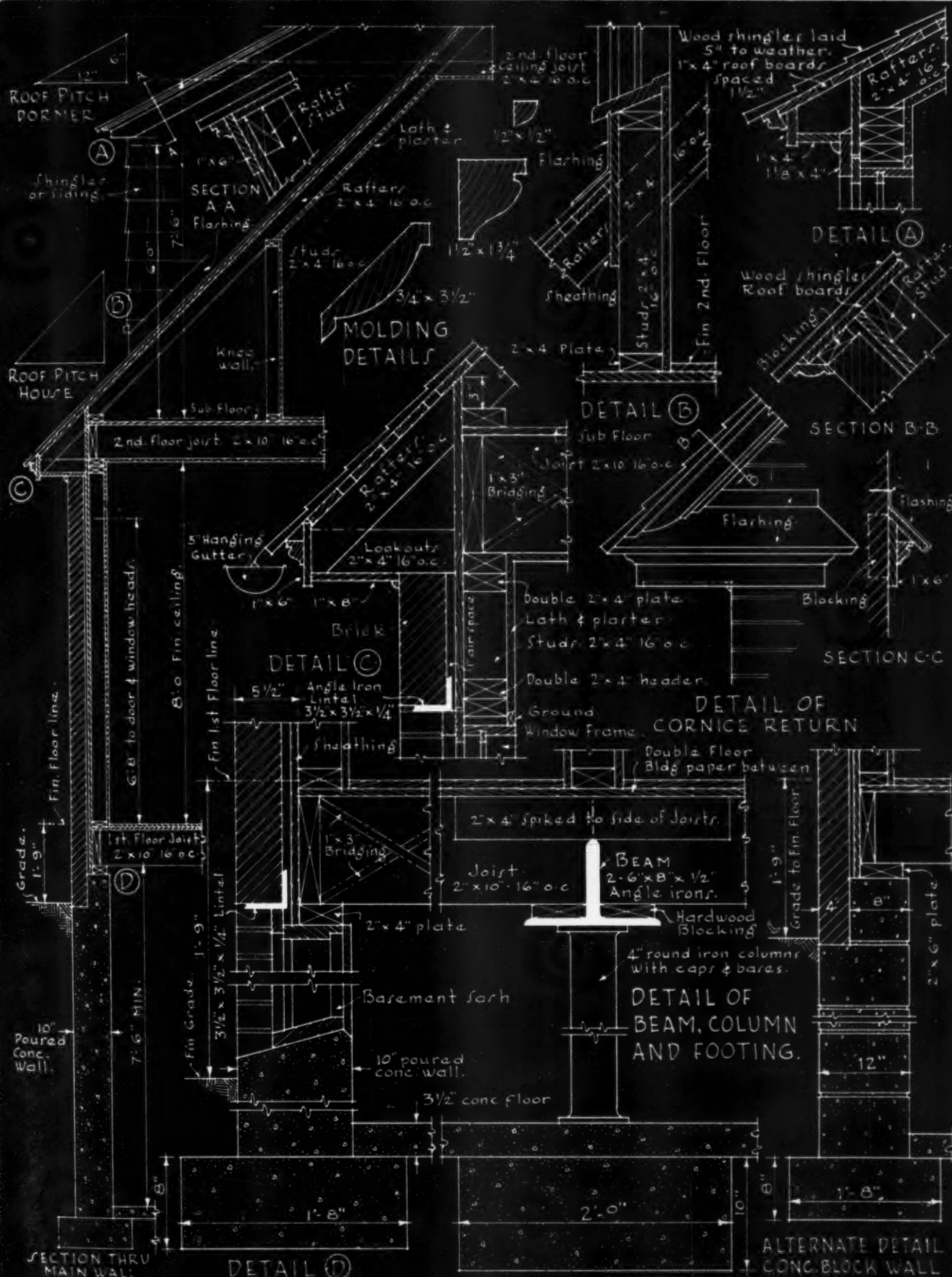
THE DETAIL drawings on the page opposite give accurate information on the building of a brick veneer house. Fitted into a plate as they are, there is no detail missing in the construction method. Footings, foundation wall dimensions, details of cornices, rakes, basement columns and beams, together with angle iron lintels and roof pitches for both house and dormer roofs are all included.

Much future home building will take advantage of clay products for exterior walls. Brick veneer houses will come in for a full percentage of the total to be built. In this type of construction, it is best to provide an air space between the brick veneer and the sheathing, as shown in the drawing.

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Plate No. 2-A is the second in a series of good construction details which show tried and true methods of home building. An alternate type of foundation is shown if concrete blocks instead of poured concrete are used. The relative sizes of footings, as indicated, are important especially where a steel beam and iron columns are used for load-bearing partitions in the middle of the basement. The hardwood blocking between the flanges of the beam and the joists is good construction.

Architectural details are important parts of good brick veneer exteriors. The molding details shown, and how they are used at the cornice and returns are good examples of sound practice both as to architecture and honest construction methods of building.



AMERICAN BUILDER'S Technical Section

MODULAR PLANNING

Another Step Forward for Postwar Building

An Explanation for the Builder and Architect of the Application to Building Plans and Details of Modular Co-ordination

CO-ORDINATION, which is the basis of Modular Planning, may be defined as the dimensioning of building units so that they will fit together, and the use of building dimensions consistent with such co-ordinated sizes. It involves:

1. SIZES of building materials and equipment which permit their field assembly with a minimum of cutting and fitting.
2. DETAILS which show the assembly of the above, and
3. MODULAR PLANNING which correlates building dimensions with the above SIZES and DETAILS.

STANDARD MODULE—After careful consideration and study, a 4" unit has been selected as the standard dimensional increment, or module, which affords the maximum practicable standardization and simplification consistent with present standardization and building practice.

It is used as a dimensional increment and structural layout unit. The sizes of building products are not, however, required to be exact multiples of the 4" module.

STANDARD GRID—To effect correlation between building layouts and details and the dimensional co-ordination of materials, the 4" module serves as the spacing for a uniform three-dimensional grid to which the building layout and details are referenced.

The grid provides the architect and draftsman with a sim-

ple, convenient, and uniform method of referencing and dimensioning drawings and establishing the correlation between the details and the dimensions of the building.

REFERENCING THE BUILDING LAYOUT TO THE GRID—A building layout is referenced to the grid if the layout dimensions are such as to maintain the grid locations for the parts of the structure as shown on the modular details.

Dimensions between parallel grid lines are multiples of 4", called "grid dimensions," and may be used for layout.

The difference between grid dimensions and actual dimensions of the building is often so small—generally not more than 2"—that it is negligible at the scale of layout drawings. Grid dimensions in 4" multiples are more convenient for layout dimensions than actual dimensions, which involve fractions of inches.

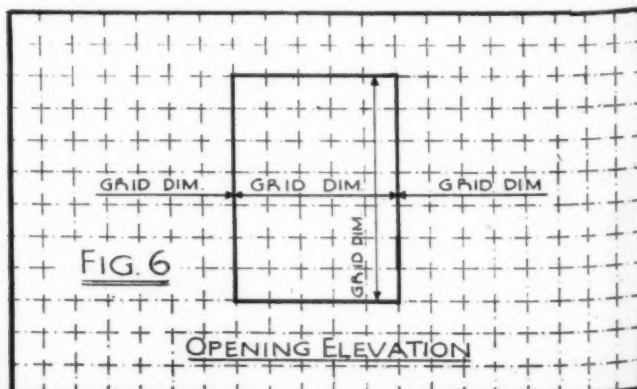
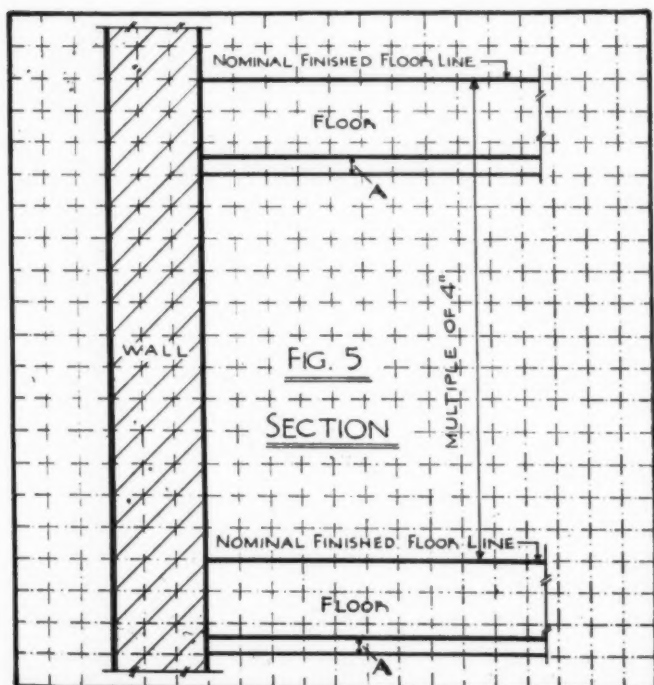
Modular planning in no way limits the complete freedom of the architect in making preliminary sketches.

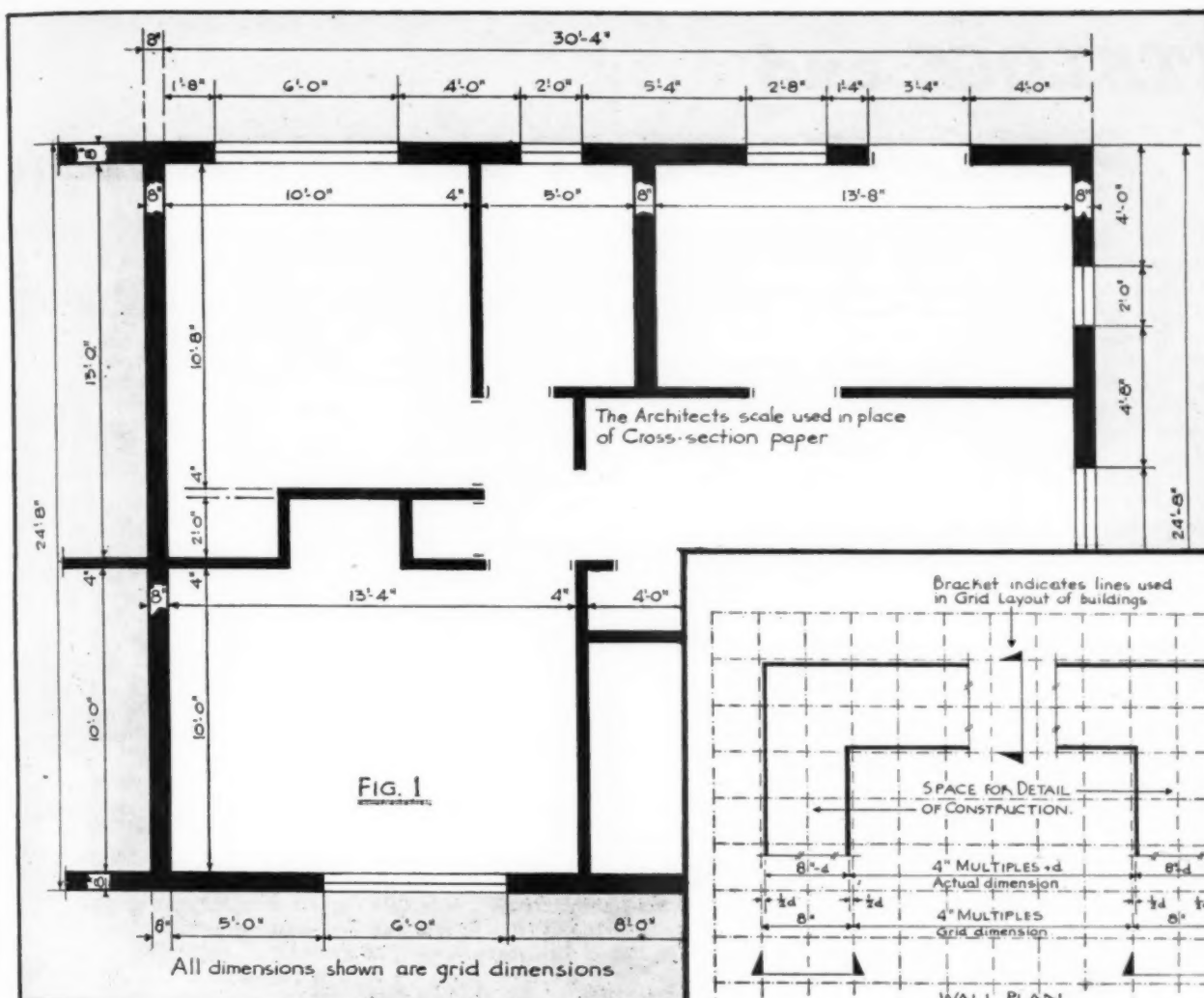
The plan shown in Figure 1 on the opposite page is a typical layout using only grid dimensions.

These dimensions establish a complete grid relationship and show how this is done without using cross-section paper. Grid dimensions approximate the actual dimensions, which are determined by modular details.

The grid applies 4" as a standard increment for building layout without restricting economical design and efficient use of materials. Also, referencing to the standard grid imposes no limitation on the adoption of economical sizes for building materials and equipment. While sizes closely approximating grid dimensions afford the simplest dimensioning, considerations of economy, in either manufacture or application, may result in the selection of sizes differing substantially from 4" multiples.

REFERENCING ASSEMBLY DETAILS TO THE GRID—An assembly detail is referenced to the grid by dimensions that give the exact locations for the materials and equipment relative to grid lines. A detail thus referenced is called a "Modular Detail." Dimensions showing referencing to grid lines are an essential part of a modular detail. If the dimensions to grid lines are altered, for a particular assembly of building parts, each different grid location requires an individual modular detail. Hence, for simplicity in design and field erection, it is essential to maintain a specific grid location for each detail.





MODULAR planning can be done on the drawing board either with or without the use of cross-section paper, as shown above and right.

Figure 2 illustrates the dimensions on modular details by which the referencing to the grid is accomplished. The grid lines which are used for grid dimensions are identified by the bracket symbol. This emphasizes the close correlation between modular details and the building layout.

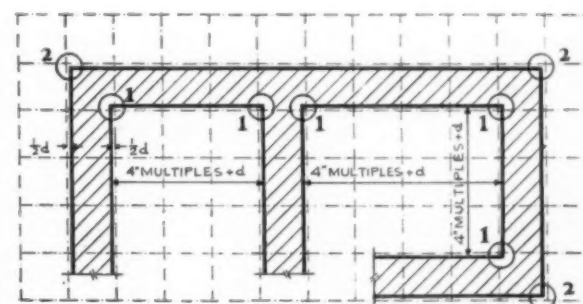
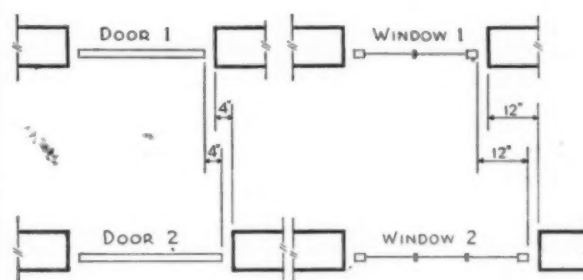
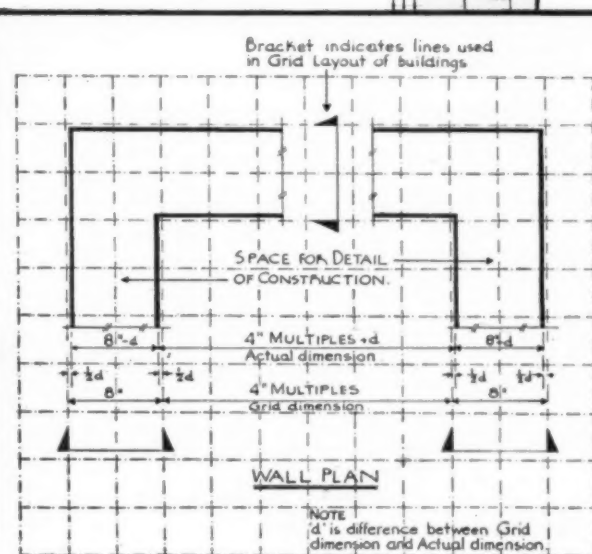
FOUR-INCH FLEXIBILITY—Freedom for the designer to select any grid line or grid dimension in developing the building plan constitutes a 4" flexibility of layout. This 4" flexibility applies to wall lengths and heights, room sizes, and sizes and locations of openings, and provides a variety of dimensions that is adequate for these purposes.

This 4" flexibility does not apply to thicknesses of walls or floors. These dimensions are governed by considerations of economy, including the efficient manufacture and use of building materials. For examples, 2" x 2", 2" x 3", 2" x 4", or 2" x 6" wood studs may be used in walls and 2" x 6", 2" x 8", 2" x 10", or 2" x 12", etc. wood joists in floors. The nominal thickness of masonry walls may be 4", 6", 8", 10", 12", etc. Thicknesses of concrete slab floors may be 4", 5", 6", etc.

It would not be economical to require complete 4" flexibility for items fitted to the structure such as windows, doors, bathtubs, kitchen cabinets, etc. Sizes for these are based on increments of 4" or multiples of 4". For example, door widths may vary by 4" while window widths may vary by the width of a light, which might be 8", 12", 16", 20" or any multiple of 4".

LAYOUT OF WALLS—A symmetrical location of the wall structure relative to grid lines generally affords best

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CATALOGS and HOW-TO-DO-IT INFORMATION

59—POSTWAR BLUEPRINT; AND NO FOOLING—The sum and substance of a 60-page booklet recently published by U. S. Gypsum Company is that during the decade immediately following the end of the war architects, contractors, building material dealers and the present trade groups will continue to design, supervise, service and erect homes in the postwar period as they have in the past. This book is a thorough-going analysis of the number of homes, buying power of the public, division of the market as to new, remodeled, single, double and multiple houses. It contains, also, a history of the past decade and gives a practical forecast for postwar blueprint of your business. This book is titled, "Let's Be Sensible." Good reading here.

60—INSULATION DATA SHEETS NOW AVAILABLE—With the continuing necessity for fuel conservation, and the availability of all sorts of insulation without priorities, this portfolio of data sheets showing proper application of insulation in many types of construction will be handy reference material to have on hand. Made available by the Wood Conversion Company, these Balsam-Wool data sheets explain and illustrate exactly the proper methods of using insulation as well as attic ventilation and other means of creating comfortable living coupled with fuel conservation.

61—TECHNICAL DOPE ABOUT PLYWOOD PANELS—While plywood is still difficult to obtain without high priorities, the time is fast approaching when the "engineered" developments perfected during the war will be available for general use. To this end, the Douglas Fir Plywood Association has made available section 8 of their hand book, "Technical Data on Plywood." This section 8 is "the design of flat panels with stressed covers." While this is somewhat technical, it is very informative material and will be valuable information to have for future designs using plywood.

62—YOU TELL THEM WHAT YOU THINK—From the American Central Manufacturing Corporation comes an 8-page folder in the form of a questionnaire asking a lot of questions about what should be put into postwar kitchens. While this is mainly a consumer folder, it does have a lot of information in it, and will give you some idea of how this company will arrive at their future designs which will no doubt be brought to your attention when the green light of home building stares us in the face. It is suggested you look this folder over for ideas, as well as to write the company and tell them what you think your future home buying prospects will want in their kitchens.

**63—KITCHEN CABINETRY FOR POSTWAR, WORK-
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64—ASPHALT FLOOR TILE BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE—Practically every future home with a basement will have at least part of it devoted to living space of one kind or

another, and the floors will call for asphalt tile. This may also be quite true of rooms on the first floor. Therefore, the recently published booklet by the Tile-Tex Company is very worthwhile at this time. The booklet gives the features, specifications, colors and sizes, and installation directions. Well illustrated with both drawings and photographs, and color charts, this booklet will make a valuable contribution to your postwar planning.

65—NEW GLASS BLOCK FOR OLD WORN OUT WINDOWS—Many a window in a house looks out on a view which has no value whatsoever. While the light coming in from the window is usable, the view may be just the opposite. A good suggestion for remedying this is to replace the existing window opening with Insulux glass block. These blocks provide light and insulation as well as an attractive appearance, both from without and from within. A new booklet describing how to make such installations has just been made available by Owens-Illinois Glass Company. Add this booklet to your list, and use the idea to secure additional jobs of home remodeling and rejuvenation.

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67—LOOK TO A VENTILATION FAN FOR COOLNESS—There should be no doubt in anybody's mind that attic ventilation is a most important part of home cooling. A new booklet by the Emerson Electric Mfg. Co. gives full information on methods of using electric exhaust fans for pulling heat out of a house. Just any fan stuck in the attic won't do the job. It takes thorough understanding of the principles as well as the type and capacity of the fan to do an intelligent and thorough job. It won't be long until electric fans of this type, as well as for other parts of the house including the kitchen, will be available and should be regular equipment in practically all postwar homes.

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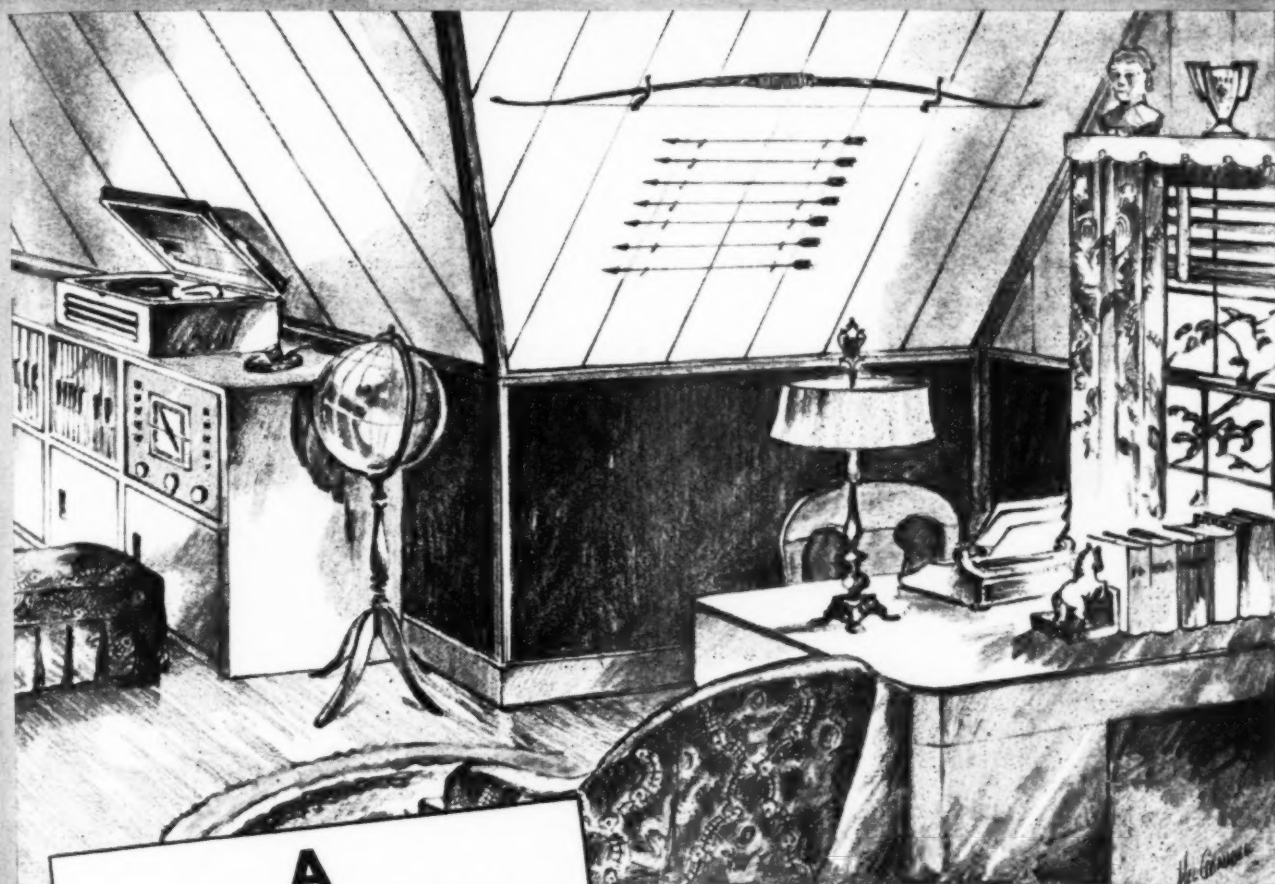
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Building News Review

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The next housing program—

Home builders eager to resume activity appreciate the necessity of deferring civilian building until after the fall of Germany. Although there will be a substantial number of priorities issued this fall for the H-2 program, they will be spread thin in various congested areas throughout the country, and will be of small satisfaction to an industry which must gear up to produce a million post-war homes a year. Furthermore, it is far from clear just how this H-2 program can be financed.

Inventories about exhausted—

During the last year builders have drained mills and warehouses to complete the H-1 housing job. Ersatz substitutes which have been used have proven unsatisfactory. Therefore, it is apparent that along with any new housing programmed, the preliminary step must be that of providing for an adequate flow of all materials and equipment items. It is certainly WPB's job, upon learning the size and character of the next program, to start such production in motion. Just as the third quarter authorization of 50,000 recessed-type cast iron bathtubs has been made, so must many other essentials be permitted. Furthermore, it is quite clear that if Title II insurance is to be used, this housing will require better quality mill-work, hardware, plumbing equipment, etc.

Regulations governing veterans loan program—

Under the supervision of Francis X. Pavesich, who has just been named Director of the Loan Program, progress in the formation of these all-important regulations is now being made. The ambiguous phrasing of the act has resulted in the sharpest differences of opinion as to the exact meaning of Sections 500 and 505. The best legal advice in interested government agencies has been sought, and all industry groups are contributing their best judgment. Mr. Pavesich, as a former financial advisor to the Home Loan Bank Board, is eminently qualified to tackle the knotty problems imposed by the housing title. *It is not possible to predict when these clarifying regulations will be issued, but it will certainly be a matter of some weeks.*

Action on public housing deferred—It now appears that Congress may not act on the two Washington slum clearance bills introduced this spring. Hearings before the McGehee sub-com-

mittee are not expected to be resumed until September, and if there is a congressional pre-election recess, it is quite possible that this dispute will fall in the lap of the next Congress. On the Senate side the competing bills were referred to Senator Walsh's sub-committee, which committee has stated that no hearings will be called until the House committee has completed its work.

In the meantime the National Industrial Conference Board has been engaged to summarize the evidence presented before the Burton Committee. This New York research organization will tackle the difficult job of sifting out the substantiated facts from the mass of conflicting data, claims and charges. Members of the Burton Committee are frank in admitting that they are completely confused and befuddled by the voluminous and contradictory testimony.

For the record—In a radio speech last week, OPA Administrator Chester Bowles said that with the return of normal conditions "rent control must be eliminated." The OPA chief said, "As quickly as wartime conditions permit, we must do away with all unnecessary regulation and leave tenants and landlords free to make their own arrangements."

Labor union builds test house—

With the primary motive of "discovering the actual cost of constructing a six-room dwelling," the Textile Workers Union of America is building a sample house at Front Royal, Virginia. This CIO affiliate has purchased land in the vicinity of a group of houses built for workers at the American Viscose Corporation plant. Since the largest item of cost in home building is that of wages to the various trades, it would appear that great economies might be effected if the various trade jurisdictional rights are forgotten in this project.

FPHA homes lose naval engagement—

Although that intrepid Civil War general, Jubal Anderson Early, was a great water fighter (as evidenced by his victories at Cedar Creek and the Kanawha River) even he might well have quailed at the flood which last week swamped the Arlington public housing project named for him. With nearly 400 residents evacuated, and Senator Harry Byrd and Representative Howard Smith threatening a Congressional investigation, FPHA officials ad-

mitted that the choice of site for Jubal Early homes had not been considered good, but was believed to be one "that could be made to work with some inconvenience."

Arlington County's Manager Frank Hanrahan stated that the Federal authorities had been warned the project's drainage was insufficient. On the other hand, FPHA's formal statement, eschewing blame for the flooding, stated that the county had applied for funds for drainage, but the grant had been delayed. *Failing an adequate drainage installation, "The Late Jubal Early" ferry service might be set up.*

One "Defense Homes" project

sold—Of the 25 defense housing projects offered for sale last January, only one of substantial size has been transferred to private ownership. Stuart Gardens, a 980-unit project at Newport News, Virginia, has been sold for \$3,615,000. A Government profit of \$100,000 on its operation of the project was realized.

Further evidence of critical lumber situation—

In an effort to reduce lumber leakage to an absolute minimum, WPB has just issued an order stating that preference ratings to owners requiring lumber for repair work will be given only in extreme emergency cases. In addition to damage caused by fire, flood or storm, applications will be approved for leaks in the roof, weakening of framework, separation of lateral supports from main supports, broken joists or risers, etc. Form WPB 2896 may be secured from the nearest FHA field office.

Secretaries' Council to be set up

—At a two-day conference of the Presidents and Secretaries of Local Associations affiliated with the NAHB, to be held at the Statler Hotel here in Washington, September 22 and 23, a Secretaries' Council will be formally established. Quoting from the proposed By-Laws, the objectives of this Council will be:

"(a) To promote sound, efficient and progressive practices in the administration and management of local home builders associations affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders of the United States."

The agenda includes an impressive list of speakers on all subjects related to the successful operation of local builders associations. Matters of securing membership, finance, successful meetings, publicity, public relations, state-wide action on legislation, and co-operation with allied industry groups in the community will be effectively covered.

Full conference will follow—

Following the Secretaries' Council meetings, approximately 200 home builders, and their associate member guests, from every part of the country will confer with government officials for three days. On the fourth day there will be a Directors' meeting. Those attending

will be brought up to date on all phases of the industry situation, with particular emphasis placed on *where, when and how the H-2 program for congested areas is to be programmed.* Nearly thirty officials from NHA, FHA, OPA, and WPB will attend. Veterans housing, relaxation of government controls in the transition period, and long-range postwar planning will all have an important place in the deliberations.

Eric Johnston will speak at NAHB dinner September 25th—

The appearance of the dynamic, young President of the United States Chamber of Commerce at this conference is impressive recognition of the vital part home builders must play in the transition and postwar period. Although Mr. Johnston receives as many as 300 invitations a month to speak, he has graciously agreed to make an industry statement to our group at this time. As a manufacturer of electrical parts, and of brick and tile products, he has a direct interest in home building. *During the last year, he has taken leadership in bringing together all segments of the construction industry to formally present its problems to government.*

Speaking on the subject "New Horizons for the Construction Industry," Mr. Johnston will define our responsibilities, and indicate the opportunities which lie ahead. As an outstanding champion of private enterprise, he will restate the basic principles to be observed as we approach postwar problems. During the period ahead when government controls must be lifted as rapidly as possible, *he will urge the closest teamwork between industry and government.* Known throughout the world as a bold analyst, his statement will be far-reaching in its importance. Home builders who have read his book "America Unlimited" are familiar with his delightful style, his unlimited enthusiasm, and his profound belief in the American system of free enterprise.

Congressional vacation ended

—Although the Congress has reconvened, there is less than a quorum in both Houses, and it will not engage in full-scale legislative operations for another month or so. The issue of overwhelming importance now confronting it concerns the framing of broad policies for industrial demobilization. The subject of unemployment compensation is particularly hot at this time. Since the spade work on this legislation must be done by several committees, there is practically nothing to require the attention of the members on the floor. Consequently, only short sessions are being held and most Congressmen have remained away from Washington.

On industrial demobilization,

basic differences are developing in the Senate Drafting Committee. On one side there is the bill sponsored by Senator George, Chairman of the Senate Postwar Committee representing what may be called a middle-of-the-road ap-

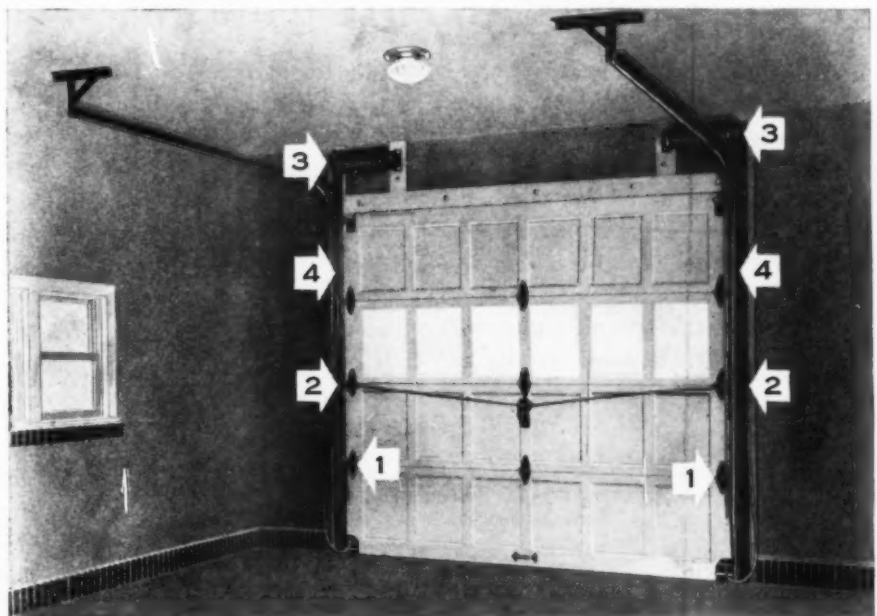
proach. It calls for a states' rights basis dealing with unemployment benefits for war workers. Radically differing from this bill is a measure introduced by Senator Kilgore, which almost goes as far as setting up a new WPA for dealing with unemployment among released war workers and returning servicemen. Organized labor has given its backing to the Kilgore proposal. It is unfortunate that the controversy over how far the government should go in tiding workers over the adjustment period threatens to delay the whole reconversion program to an alarming extent.

How does this affect builders?

—It is obvious that in many ways the home building industry is wrapped up

in these over-all problems involving the adjustment of the nation's economy back to a peacetime basis. In the first place, the broad legislative program dealing with reconversion policies will include measures on surplus property disposal. The question of what happens to large new industrial plants and their workers is bound to have an important bearing on the building picture in the localities involved. Also, it goes without saying that builders are vitally interested in the matter of when civilian production is to be resumed.

Lumber needed after September 1, must now be authorized by FHA before purchase orders can be certified under WPB's recently issued lum-



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ber control Order L-335. Applicable only to privately-financed housing, the new procedure will enable NHA to account to WPB for lumber used under the quarterly allotment program. Lumber required for remodeling, installation of new equipment, repair, or to complete housing under construction, provided the amount needed after September 1 does not exceed 1,000 board feet, is specifically exempt by the order. Application for authorization is made to FHA on WPB Form 2896.1, unless application for priorities was made on WPB Form 2896, as revised July 7. WPB officials warn that lumber may not be received prior to the quarter in which its receipt is authorized, although it may be received any time later.

Building materials released—

Another straw pointing the direction of the wind is the WPB order issued this week to release some 40 items of building materials, including copper and copper alloy fittings. Stating that military needs have been met, WPB representatives explained that there is no reason to keep remaining stocks on hand. However, the manufacture of copper and copper base alloy controlled material forms and shapes for use in building construction, and the use of these materials in the fabrication of many building material items, continues to be prohibited under the new order. Among the items on inventory of manufacturers, jobbers and retailers, that may now be used without restrictions, are weatherstripping, gutters, leaders, downspouts, flashings and flashing valley lining, tie rods, and termite shields.

Surplus war property—A recent release of OWI draws a staggering picture of the job SWPA (Surplus War Property Administration) is facing. Ranging from \$15 billion in huge war plants to bandages, adhesive tape, and hairpins, the disposition of surplus property and materials without disrupting normal markets will require intelligent and honest administration of the highest order.

Independent estimates as to the total dollar volume run as high as \$100 billion, although the Baruch-Hancock report makes a conservative estimate of \$50 billion. Seven general categories have been established: (1) industrial facilities; (2) merchant ships; (3) military construction—airfields, camps, navy yards and bases, and installations of all kinds; (4) war housing, including living accommodations for war workers, and community facilities such as hospitals and schools built as Federal projects; (5) finished goods, such as blankets, shoes, and planes; (6) stockpiles, such as tin, industrial diamonds, copper and other controlled materials; (7) and inventories in the hands of war contractors (including raw materials, goods in process and equipment).

Government-owned housing—

The first item on the Government's list of real estate to be sold is 20,000,000 acres of land, largely owned by the

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Army. Thanks to private enterprise, Federal expenditures in war housing have been insignificant by comparison. More than half of the homes built by Government for war workers are temporary structures and under the terms of the Lanham Act must be torn down within two years after the war. Permanent Government war housing costing less than \$1 billion will eventually be placed on the market at a fair price and substantial recovery made. Although NHA has acquired 55,000 acres of real estate for its developments, permanent structures occupy only approximately one-fourth of this, leaving about 40,000 acres that will become surplus property.

"Building codes"—An essential tool in urban development" is the apt title of a forcefully written pamphlet prepared by the Construction and Civic Development Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Observing that "Private building construction sponsored by private enterprise or private capital will be stimulated or retarded in the postwar period by the rules, regulations and restrictions of the building codes which govern such construction in urban areas," the booklet makes a strong case for modernizing our obsolete building codes. The importance of this subject to every home builder is in direct proportion to the volume of construction he expects to do in the postwar years. The time has come when action can and must be taken to review and revise all out-moded codes. Many local builders' associations, working with allied interests in the community, are tackling this important problem.

The Bildor, official publication of the builders' association of metropolitan Detroit, in its June issue, has incorporated all the best features that can be encompassed in an association publication. The astuteness of Editor and Executive Director William J. Guinan stands out in each of its 180 pages. Illustrated throughout with private war housing projects of the Detroit builders, and timely articles by government officials and business leaders, the issue is highlighted with a point-by-point analysis captioned "Ten Weak Spots in Public Housing." In another article, "We Accept the Challenge," Detroit President C. H. Harrison makes clear that government must make known the rules it intends to follow in the postwar years.

Vallejo tenants defy government rent increases—Charging "Hitler tactics," war worker tenants in this California public housing hotbed have refused to pay modest rent increases asked by FPHA. Nearly a year ago some 40,000 of these tenants organized as a pressure group to demand certain improvements, and to register for the coming national election. West Coast public housing czar, Langdon Post, caused a near riot last month when he announced some moderate rent increases (and some rent reductions). At a mass meeting this week, tenants flatly refused to pay the increases, and have been

threatened with eviction on the deadline for rent delinquencies, August 10th. Apparently force will be necessary, as a definite challenge to the government to "Try to throw us out" has been thrown at FPHA.

Home builder-owners of war housing must prepare for drastic industrial cutbacks. One of the penalties imposed on the private builders of this country who constructed war housing was the requirement that the major part of it must be rented. As a result, hundreds of thousands of Title VI units are now owned and managed by home builders. For the time being there are plenty of tenants available in most areas and the problem of vacancies has not

been experienced. With the collapse of Germany, however, the cutback in industrial war plants will be staggering. The only satisfactory answer clearly lies in the prompt relaxation of eligibility requirements by NHA.

Henry Kaiser will produce building materials in the postwar period. In partnership with Sam A. Perkins, President of the Standard Gypsum Company, the country's number one war industrialist will enter the gypsum product field. Along with wallboard, Mr. Kaiser intends to produce steel-framed prefabricated sections of houses and plastic cement similar to stucco for exteriors. Committing his company to spend millions on existing and new



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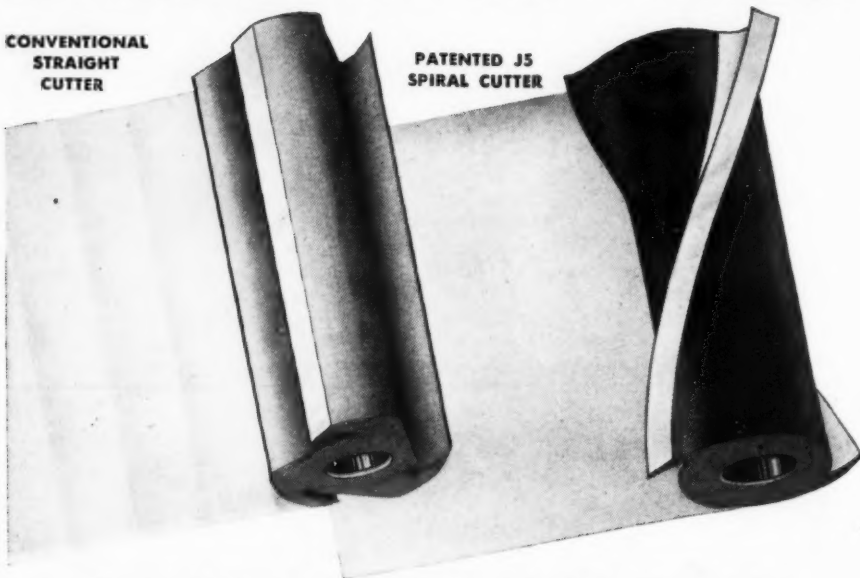
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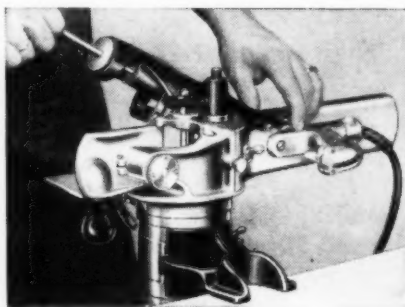
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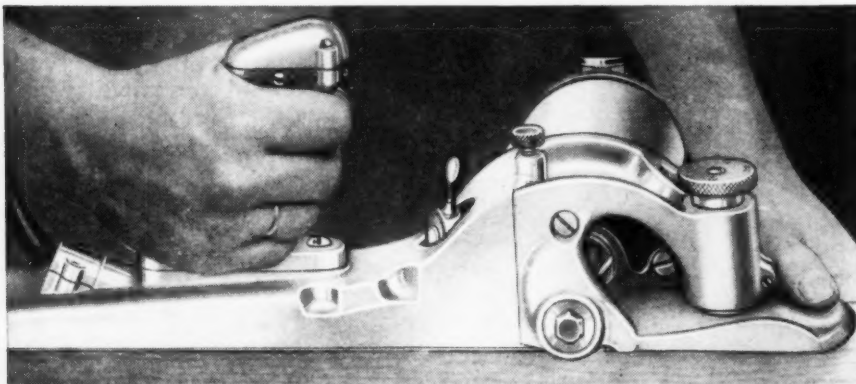
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production facilities along the West Coast, Mr. Kaiser for the time being will act as a supplier and "is not ready to say he will go into residential construction." Following the example of the United States Steel Corporation in purchasing the Gunnison Housing Corporation, Mr. Kaiser's action is tangible evidence of the interest big business is taking in the home construction field.

A. F. of L. Criticizes NHA H-2 program—Chairman Harry Bates of the American Federation of Labor Housing Committee condemns the programming of "sub-standard wartime priority construction" for sale. Claiming that the minimum standards of space, design, structural soundness and durability imposed by WPB will make this housing unacceptable in a highly competitive postwar market, the A. F. of L. opposes their workers purchasing such minimum housing.

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NAHB National Convention

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Officials of both the National Association and the Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders Association say they conceived the Exposition plan as a result of frequent questions from home builders as to what can be expected from the manufacturers when home building restrictions are relaxed. "What is ready now, what can be expected in the immediate postwar period, in the long term postwar period? What substitutes are ready, nearly ready, or may be expected in a year, five years, ten years? What new designs, new forms, new techniques, new financing plans? What products and processes will not change, because they can meet the test of the coming vast new construction programs? Builders want to know the answers to these questions.

The design of the show will provide the background for many such postwar products and techniques and has no preferred locations. The treatment is so open that most of the 300 or more exhibits can be seen from any part of the three exhibition halls. It is full of color and startling effects.

The basic plan suggests further originality on the part of the exhibitors who will have "space" in a variety of wall panels and center-of-the-room locations, built in irregular and unusual shapes. Although the floor plan, covering 40,000 square feet, abounds in queer shapes and forms, the entire design was planned for the best display of each product and technique in the construction field. Jacques Seltz, the well-known Swiss designer of the Skidmore organization, created the basic plan and will co-ordinate the planning of ex-

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hibitors. The exhibits will be confined to products that enter into the construction of a home, and furnishings will not be included.

Those attending the Exposition and Convention will receive another surprise when they see the ballroom where the Convention program will be held. Instead of sitting in the customary row of chairs, the builders will hear their speakers while sitting in groups of ten around glass-topped tables. This plan will make it easy for the builders to take notes during the programs, a practice that has been increasing at such meetings. One hundred of these tables will be sold to exhibitors who wish to display literature under the glass. Fifty of the table tops will be used for small models. This not only provides a more comfortable arrangement for a convention hall than has been seen heretofore, but utilizes the hall for a new type of display. The builders can hardly miss the literature under the glass table tops.

In the ballroom too, will be one of the big feature exhibits—a panel 100 feet long, showing the progress of city and community planning. Here too, the sides of two long walls will be lined with blow-up photographs of housing projects completed by Association members.

Mr. Nixon has said, "Our 1945 National Convention must reassure the builders, excite them, teach them, and send them away ready to undertake a building program the unprecedented magnitude of which will compare with the vast job of tooling for the war." Every builder can feel that the NAHB will overlook no detail in making the 1945 meeting a means to this end.

\$6,000 PRIZE COMPETITION for House Designs

Open only to members of NAHB

BUILDERS of houses are finally to have an opportunity to win prizes, presenting their ideas of what postwar homes will look like and contain.

This design competition is open only to members of the National Association of Home Builders. \$6,000 in war bonds is offered by the Metropolitan Chicago Home Builders Association, host to the January, 1945, convention of the national association, for prizes for the best designs. George F. Nixon, Chicago, chairman of the National Convention's Exhibit Committee, announced late in August.

Large models of the six prize winners and illustrations of the twelve honorable mention entries will be displayed at the exhibit during the con-

vention. A \$1,000 war bond will be awarded each of the six first prize winners.

The competition is unusual in that the six divisions into which it is divided call for emphasis on the way in which the house is planned to serve its occupants because of their kind of work and habits of living.

"What's the use of having just a beautiful exterior if the inside doesn't give the family it's built for the things their living habits demand?" is the sentiment expressed by Chairman Nixon at an early meeting on the contest.

Accordingly, the builder members of NAHB will be asked to submit designs for each of the six following

classifications: (1) The City Home (2) The Suburban Home (3) The Industrial Worker's Home (4) The Farm Home (5) The Summer Resort Home (6) The Veteran's Home or the Home for Two.

The judges include Raymond J. Ashton, president of the American Institute of Architects; John A. Steele, national chairman of the American Legion G-I Bill of Rights Committee and former governor of Illinois; Commissioner Abner H. Ferguson of FHA; and John Cumming Lindop, president of Metropolitan Chicago Home Builders Association.

The rules of the National Design Contest have been mailed to members of the NAHB.



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Will Labor Kill Boom?

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to him by the union steward, who lays out and limits the work every morning, he will be fined by the union.

4. Glazing of windows in the mill instead of on the job would speed the work and cut costs, builders declare, but local unions in many areas will not permit ready-glazed windows to be handled by the carpenters.

5. Many local unions require that a steel worker be employed to erect a steel I beam and column. Though there is no other work for him to do, the steel worker must be paid for his time to and from the job as well as his time on the job, it is reported. The cost in one area for this work runs from \$9 to \$10. A carpenter on the job could do it for a cost of \$3 to \$3.50.

6. The plumbers' union prohibits any cutting and fitting of pipe in the shop where it could be done more efficiently and at lower cost, it is said. The union regulation requires that it all be done on the job with much time wasted in setting up and taking down cutting equipment.

7. In brick laying there are two factors which make for higher costs. First, the men are held down to a maximum number of bricks they are permitted to lay up in a working day, builders indicate. Second, the number of brick layers who can be served by one mason tender is held down to an expensive maximum by arbitrary union dictation—usually one tender to two masons.

8. Among painters it is said to be the practice to spend about two hours out of eight preparing brushes before starting work and cleaning up and changing clothes before and after work. With this loss of working time, it is estimated that the cost of union painters is actually 25 per cent higher than the advertised scale. Spray painting, with its attendant economies, is not permitted at all.

Where painting of concrete is called for, the painters demand that they do this work, although it is of such a nature that a common laborer could do it satisfactorily.

In fairness to organized labor in the building trades, *American Builder* wishes to point out that these cost-increasing practices do not exist in the same degree throughout the country. There is no uniformity of practice from city to city.

This lack of uniformity is in and of itself said to be a factor making for greater cost. It stands in the way of mass production of many of the parts which go to make up a house. Manufacturers of completely fabricated and glazed window assemblies report that they can secure only spotty distribution and are barred from many of the major markets because the unions will not handle their products. This keeps the cost of manufacture of the units higher than they would be if the manufacturer could produce for all the country, not for a limited portion.

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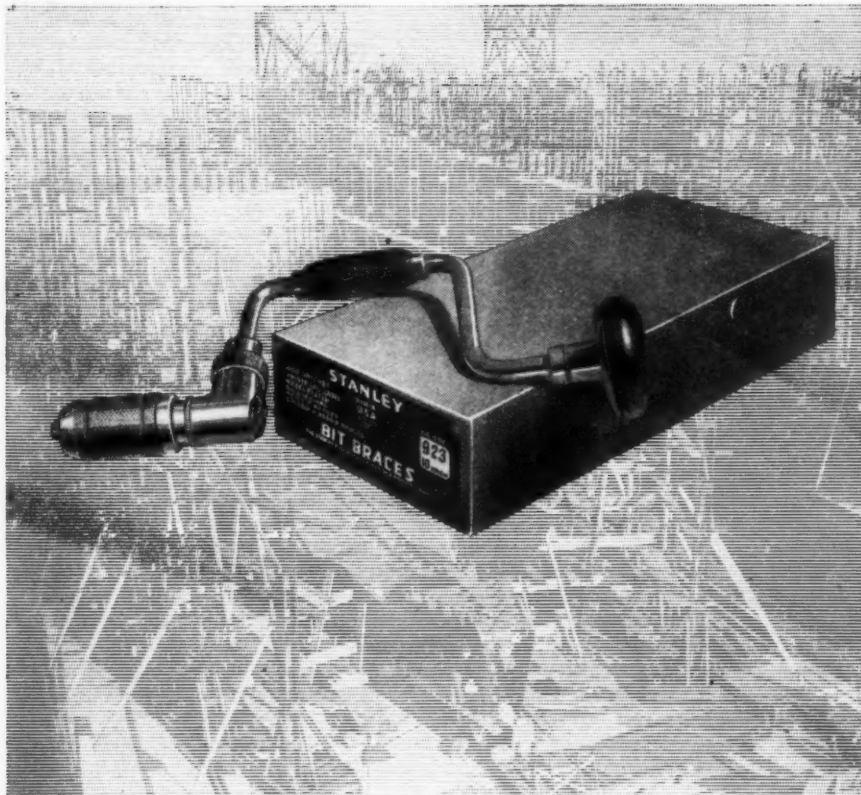


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THE TOOL BOX OF THE WORLD

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It was on this point principally that *American Builder* editors dwelt in talking with national heads of some of the building trades.

Men in high authority in the International Brotherhood of Carpenters said that they make agreements with manufacturers of fabricated parts of houses and completely fabricated houses and that all local unions are bound by such agreements.

This, they say, means that if a manufacturer of factory glazed windows operates a closed A. F. of L. union shop, the locals anywhere in the country will accept and install his product when the union label is affixed to it.

Next this was double checked with executive heads and business agents of local unions. They were found to be in disagreement with the assurances given by the national leaders. These local leaders declared that "no pre-glazed windows will be touched by carpenters in this district."

If this disagreement and confusion exists within the unions themselves, then what chance is there for a reduction in building costs in the postwar period? If home building costs are going to be excessively high, is the public going to buy new houses in the volume that is predicted—a million homes a year after the war?

American Builder invites the international unions of the Building Trades Council of America to state their side of the case in point.

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Move Demountables—

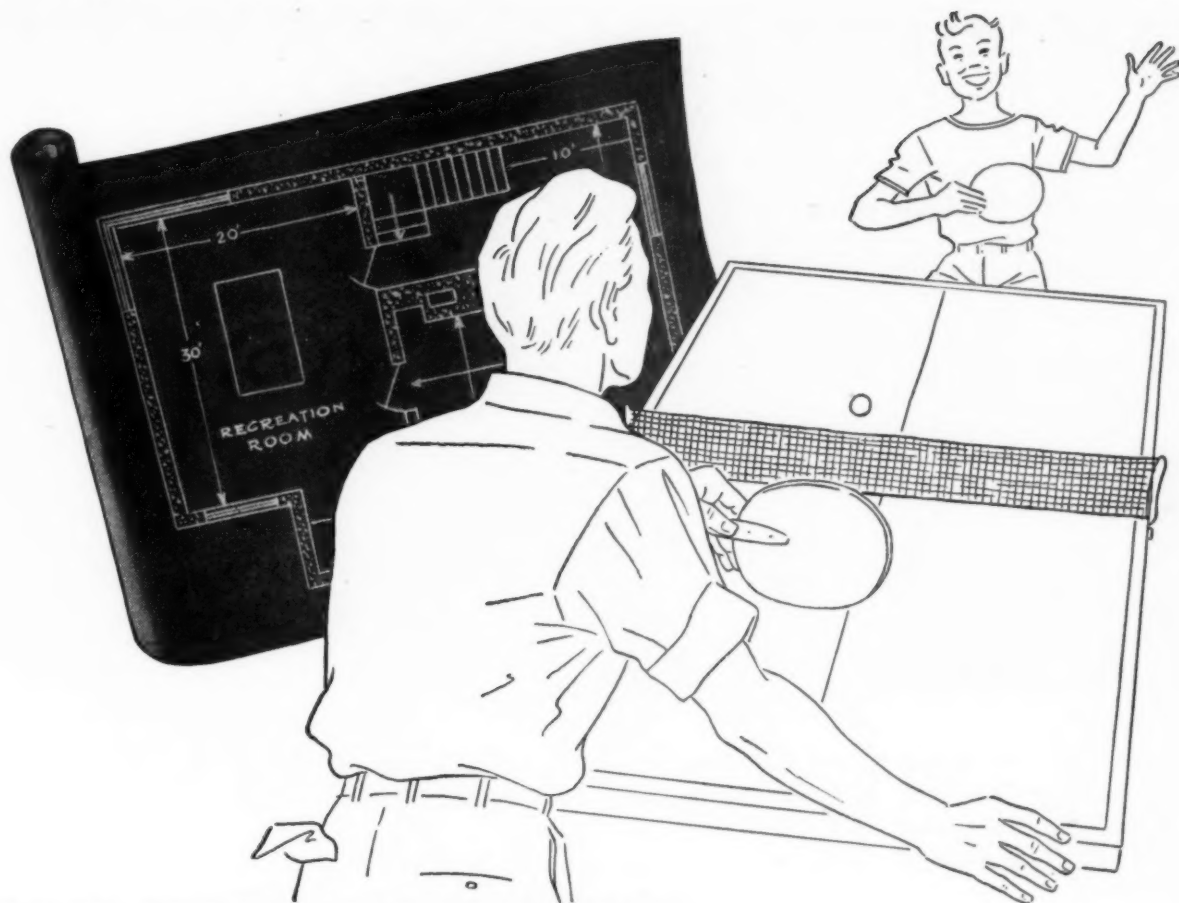
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While plumbing and lighting fixtures were disassembled before moving the houses, wiring and piping in the walls was left intact and it was only necessary to join up with it. However, the plumbing contractor had to provide new lead-ins for the sewage as it was not considered economical to dig that up at Burlington as it was placed six feet underground in the original erection, this being below the frost line.

Field Supt. Galloway said about 100 men were used on the project. They were worked in crews, one for clearing the foundation, one for erecting the concrete tile piers, one for floor framing, one for erection of walls, one for ceiling, one for roof and one for interior finishing. As crews became proficient at their appointed tasks, production was speeded up considerably.

Heating for the building is provided by means of coal stoves. Butane gas was used as the fuel in Burlington. Ice boxes are provided for refrigeration.

This housing project following the successful moving operation now provides 100 units for white and 40 for colored tenants. David F. Elmore was project engineer for the Housing Authority.—George H. Watson.



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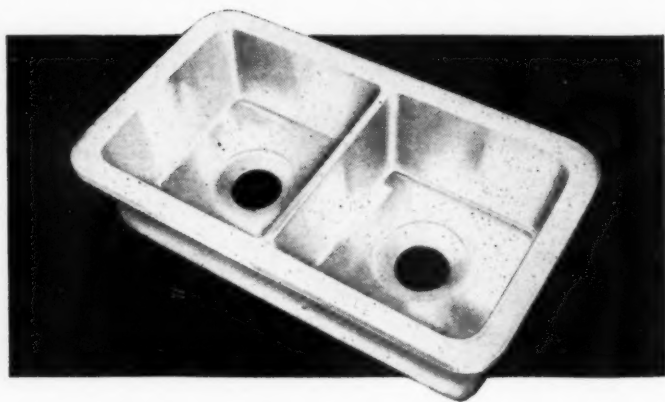
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Cement Products Bureau Reorganized

DIVISION of the Cement Products Bureau into two parts—one a Farm Bureau, the other to be known as the Housing and Cement Products Bureau—has been announced by the Portland Cement Association.

John A. Ruhling, an engineer with years of experience in concrete construction and applications of concrete products to various uses, is manager of the Housing and Cement Products Bureau.

The new Farm Bureau is headed by W. G. Kaiser, who has been manager of the Cement Products Bureau since March, 1933. Kaiser, a past president and Fellow of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, has had wide experience and is well known in the farm construction field.

The new arrangement was made, according to W. M. Kinney, general manager of the Portland Cement Association, to enable the Association to render greater service in the housing, concrete products and farm fields which have become so highly specialized as to present many diversified technical problems.

In the farm field this service will be available to various farm agencies, rural contractors and agricultural engineers concerned with designing and building facilities to save labor and improve the productivity of farms.

The Association will also be able to co-operate more closely with contractors, builders and concrete products manufacturers in solving problems involved in use of concrete for housing and industrial construction and improvements.

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Helps Break Down "Impractical Miracle Home" Build-Up—

SEEKING to clarify the thinking of millions of Americans who will build or remodel homes after the war, the Gypsum Association is inaugurating a five-point program of education and preparation for peacetime building activity.

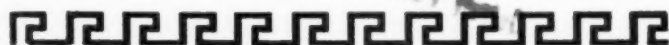
The false hopes of many that immediately after the war builders will be able to supply dust-free rooms, soundproof walls, solar houses and other much-publicized innovations will hinder what construction can be done early, says Henry Schweim, general manager of the association. Combating this trend is the No. 1 point of the program.

"Unless the public understands just what is possible and what is still years ahead," he declares, "it will be difficult to sell even the fine homes and improvements that we now have ready or will have very soon. Today the public is oversold on modernisms. It is time someone helped promote realism."

Local building codes, fire protection, remodeling, and the vast demand for postwar farm construction are other points covered in the Gypsum Association's program. It will be carried out through direct approach to the building industry, through newspaper and general magazine publicity, and through other educational channels.

The program's points are:

1. Debunk the "dream house" publicity. Make it clear to everyone that houses with everything from the vacuum cleaner to the dishes built-in are not going to come the day the war is over.
2. Impress local officials with the importance of allowing proved new materials and new methods of construction, both of which may make possible better building, otherwise postwar homes may be outdated and the building revival checked by shortages of older materials.
3. Emphasize the importance of safety features, fire protection and durability in homes. The desirability of a home will increase with its substantiality and safety.
4. Promote remodeling and modernization of homes and apartment buildings. Although wonder houses will not be possible, older buildings will have to put on new clothes to compare favorably with the new ones that will go up in quantity.
5. Educate farmers to the best methods of construction and the importance of fire protection.



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Urges Speed Planning Postwar Maintenance!

VOICING a warning that all industry must crystallize its postwar plans without delay, the Postwar Planning Committee of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association calls attention to the urgency of the situation in the latest issue of its bulletin, "Looking Toward Tomorrow."

"Work as hard preparing for peace as you are working for war production," the Committee urges. "Every job readied now is as important as every tank and glider and landing craft used in the invasion."

Continually driving home the opportunities for job-giving expansion in the paint and painting industries, this issue of the progressive bulletin points up the part paint will play in the maintenance field. The deferred maintenance market, it is estimated, has now mounted to \$30 billion in size. Of this, 10 to 20 per cent represents the nation's homes which are drastically in need of immediate attention.

Urging the paint makers to get across to the public the need for repainting when old coatings wear thin, so that costly disintegration of property need not occur, the bulletin continues: "Remember, as you bring home to the public the urgent need for such property maintenance, you are rendering great service. This property, worth some \$500 billion—this tangible wealth of the nation, of which more than \$100 billion is in residential property alone—is the result of the hard, long years' labor of millions of individuals. If property owners aren't made aware of the danger of losing what they have worked so hard to gain, it will mean a useless sacrifice of billions of dollars of the nation's wealth."

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Modular Planning—

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standardization of details and dimensions. These advantages should be understood in the development of Modular Details even though they are sometimes outweighed by other considerations. A SINGLE modular Detail will apply to all inside corners and, similarly, to all outside corners.

LAYOUT ON FLOORS—It is essential that the modular details for floors establish a uniform referencing for the finished floor as a means of co-ordinating items such as masonry partitions, glazed tile, stairs, doors, and radiator enclosures.

The referencing shown in Figure 5, page 84, gives floor to floor dimensions that are multiples of 4".

The dimensional adjustment necessary to meet the variety of thicknesses for structural floors can best be made near the ceiling as shown at "A" in Figure 5.

LAYOUT OF OPENINGS—The grid locations for the edges of structural openings in walls may differ considerably in different types of construction. It is convenient to have a uniform method of referencing these openings and for this purpose the rectangle formed by certain grid lines is considered as the grid opening. These grid lines are identified by modular details for the jamb, head, and sill of windows and doors.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR CO-ORDINATION—The grid provides a uniform basis for the correlation of building layout, details, and sizes for building parts, and affords a simple drafting technique. The broad requirement of referencing to the grid imposes no arbitrary restriction on the economical use of materials.

The practical applications of the method involve a balance between economy in the use of materials and the versatility and flexibility needed for design on the one hand; and, on the other, consideration of economy derived from improved standardization and simplification of procedure in design and field erection.

These principles apply in varying degree to particular classes of materials and types of construction; some simple applications to masonry wall construction are explained in the sections which follow.

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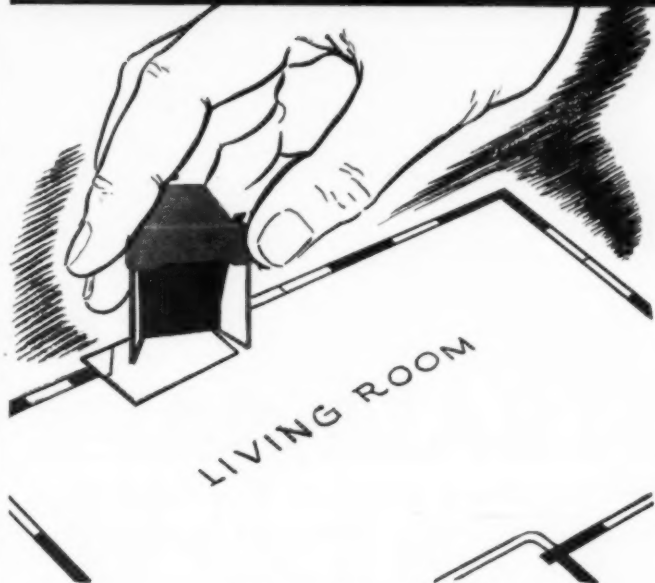
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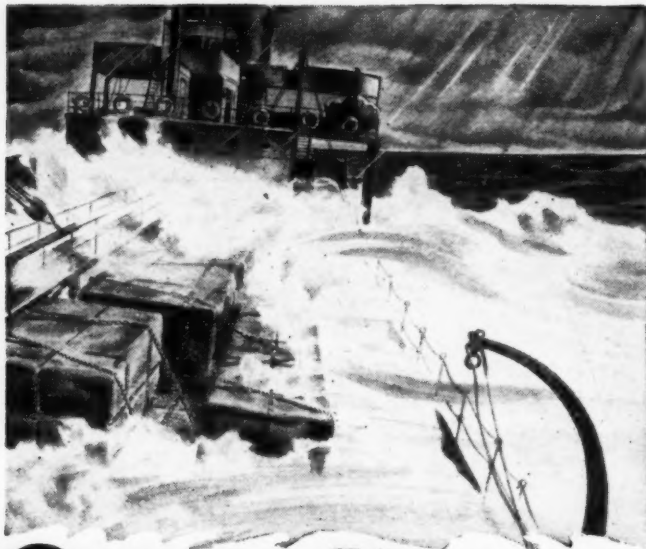
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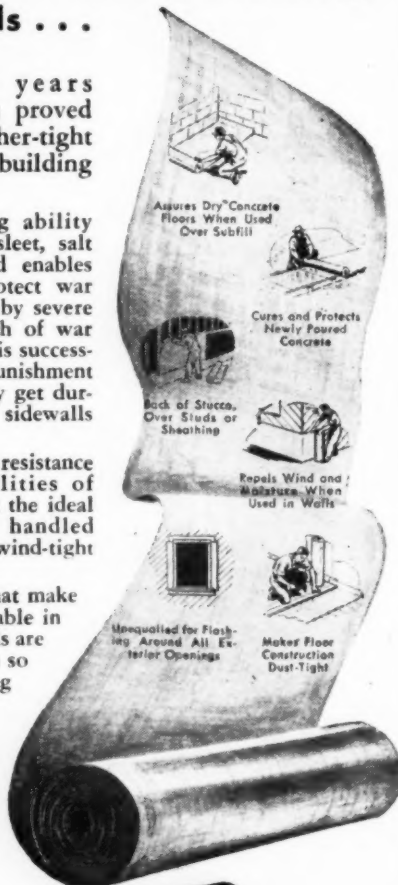
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Ohio Home Builders Start Formation of a Strong State-wide Association—

"Unless a strong building organization exists in the future, legislation will force small private home builders out of business," declared Tom McIlvain of Cincinnati, one of the principal speakers at the meeting in Columbus, Ohio, of builders of that state gathered to form a militant state association. He lauded the builders of America for "organizing today coast to coast under the unifying banner of the National Association of Home Builders."

Charles Malowney of Springfield, Ohio, opened the conference as chairman with a statement of the purposes of the gathering, following a speech of welcome by Ivan H. Gore, representing Wilbur Kerr on behalf of the Columbus Builders' Association.

"Housing today is government owned, financed and managed," G. J. Goudreau, president of the Cleveland Home Builders' Association, said in his opening remarks. He issued a scorching speech against public housing and its preferential treatment of one group of Americans against all others who pay an economic rent and contribute their just share to the local tax load.

A state licensing law for home builders was almost unanimously approved by the delegates.

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L. F. WEYAND, general sales manager of the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company's Adhesive and Coatings Division since 1936, has been promoted to general manager, a new post entailing responsibility for all production, sales, research and laboratory activities of that division.

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Weyand will continue to maintain headquarters at the 3-M factory in Detroit, where all adhesive and coating activities of the company have been centered for eight years. The company's executive headquarters are in St. Paul, Minn.

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"We Pooled Brains, Experience"

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installed in a shop. He believes that the local home builder is the one who will make prefabrication of this type work.

The houses being built by Dent-Johnson-Mayer, Inc., are substantial, small Colonial structures of better quality than most war housing. They are well insulated, have full concrete basements, well-equipped kitchens. None of these builders was accustomed to putting up such small houses as the war regulations require. They feel that Syracuse people will be dissatisfied with such houses, and to avoid later criticism have had them planned for future expansion.

As shown on the accompanying plans, they have provided for a future garage, a future porch, and a future bathroom upstairs. The buyers are shown how easy it will be to make these later additions. Where a window has to be changed to a door, as in the case of the entrance to the future porch, the opening is framed so that the new door can be knocked

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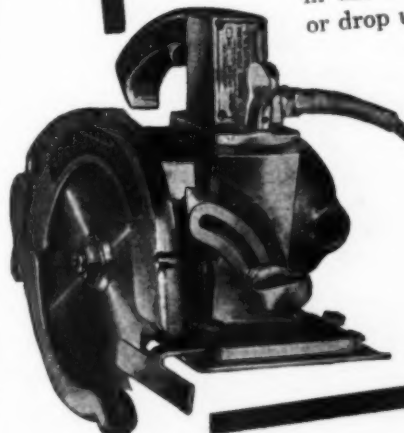
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through with a minimum of difficulty. The future second floor bath is also planned so that the plumbing can be connected inexpensively. The builders are confident that the buyers of these homes will eventually make these later additions. Plans for these additions have already been drawn by the architectural firm of Wolfe Markam, who prepared the plans for the subdivision.

One of the most interesting parts of the whole co-operative venture is the way that these three "rugged individualists" have managed to compromise their differences of opinion. They are all outspoken, independent, and accustomed to running their own jobs in their own way. On this job they soon learned the advantage of "talking things out," and have gotten along all right. Which seems to me pretty good proof that builders can lick the tough problems of the building business now and in the future better by co-operation than by calling each other names.

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LETTERS

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Fears well founded

To the Editor: Things are at a standstill here; there seems to be considerable fear that the first housing released will be tied up with restrictions such as ceiling sale prices and ceiling rentals and minimum requirements that may be so rigid that under present working conditions and present costs we would still be unable to proceed.

I feel that whatever number of houses are allowed to be built should be allocated to each city without any restrictions as to the sale price, size or design. Each builder knows best what price and type of housing is in demand.

Looking at it from another angle, if the building goes wrong, he is operating on his own money or credit.—**WALTER S. JOHNSON**, Walter S. Johnson Bldg. Co., Inc., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Deep down in his heart

To the Editor: I have just read your Publisher's Page in the August issue—I have read past pages with interest too—and I want to take this opportunity of congratulating you on this month's page in particular.

If everyone in the United States who really and sincerely, down deep in his heart, believes in the ideas as expressed by you, would stand solidly and vocally behind his belief, it would not seem probable that we would be pestered with so many "isms," "pink" ideas, etc.—**H. M. NICHOLS**, First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., Pittsburgh, Penna.

Surplus to "Grafting Large Concern"?

To the Editor: It's no hot air that I like your publication, as it's not full of junk on how to cut rafters, etc., and contains a lot of outside construction activity—from other countries, too, and what is doing generally. And your giving the higher ups a lambasting on some of these restrictions.

Wish you would also mention something about Government sales of surplus property, so as to let the small contractor and individual in on it, instead of all going to some grafting, large concern that can handle carload lots and make a fortune.—**A. TORNBERG**, Braham, Minn.

Says H2 Inadequate

To the Editor: I am very much amazed to see a statement to the effect that the H2 program calls for only 25,000 units quarterly during 1945. Surely we are not aiming at a national figure of 100,000 houses for 1945! If we are, we should discontinue attempting to play down the Dream House and start playing down the Demand. This cannot fit into the picture as we have gathered it in connection with the demobilization of our armed forces.—**ALAN E. BROCKBANK**, Federal Homes, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah.

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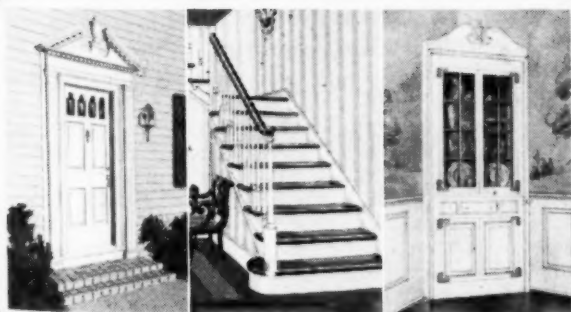
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Milcor Steel Company's Vice-President, J. Harry Christman, who has been in charge of the concern's Chicago Branch since 1936, has been assigned new duties connected with special sales problems and merchandising policies, E. A. Tanner, President, announced last month.

Mr. Christman has been with the company since January, 1915, except for eight months during World War I in which time he became a Captain in the Air Service. He was appointed Sales Manager of the company in 1919, and Vice-President in 1927.

Byron B. Barker has been named to take Mr. Christman's place as Manager of the Chicago Branch. Barker began as a sales representative of the company in 1931, and operated in the Chicago territory through 1936.

At the same time, the appointment of Don L. Rossiter as District Sales Manager of the Canton, Ohio, branch of the company was announced by C. G. Wollaeger, Vice-President in Charge of Sales. Rossiter has been one of the Ohio sales representatives of Milcor for many years.



J. Harry Christman

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Libbey-Owens-Ford to Plug Storm Sash In National Magazines—

Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass company, first and only glass company to run an advertising campaign in national publications on storm sash, has announced a repeat performance this fall, with schedules calling for the appearance of full pages in Life and Farm Journal. Fuller & Smith & Ross, Inc., of Cleveland, is the agency.

The campaign, reports Ralph Winslow, advertising director of the concern, ties in with the program planned by the government to save fuel vitally needed for the war by observance of such conservation measures as storm sash and weatherstripping.

In addition to the schedules placed in national magazines, Mr. Winslow said that promotional pockets containing eight colored display pieces, postcards for customer mailing, and pre-prints of the magazine ads had been prepared for the company's dealers. There are also prepared ads which dealers may run locally over their own signatures.

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Prefabricated Concrete—

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Your reporter, watching and photographing this interesting process, was impressed by the precision and speed of the operation. Poured concrete foundation was ready and rough working floor had been laid. The truck-load of cast wall units pulled up alongside the foundation and in front of the power derrick truck. Two steel-cable slings were quickly slipped around the first panel and it was swung up and over to the wall and lowered onto a bed of freshly placed mortar. A 2-inch half-round slot in the top of the wall and in the bottom of the panel provided a strong key. The steel lifting pads, in recesses in the bottom edge of the panel, were disengaged.

The foreman carefully plumbed the panel as it was braced at the back with a 2 x 4 and nailed. The next panel followed immediately; was set, plumbed and braced and held in alignment at the top with a wooden clamp.

The joint between panels was fastened tight with four bolts through holes preformed in the edge webs, and also sealed with grout poured in (later) from above, into the 2-inch diameter hole, formed by the half-round grooves cast into each panel edge. The grouting mortar has a consistency of 1 part portland cement, 2 parts fine sand and 10 per cent fire clay.

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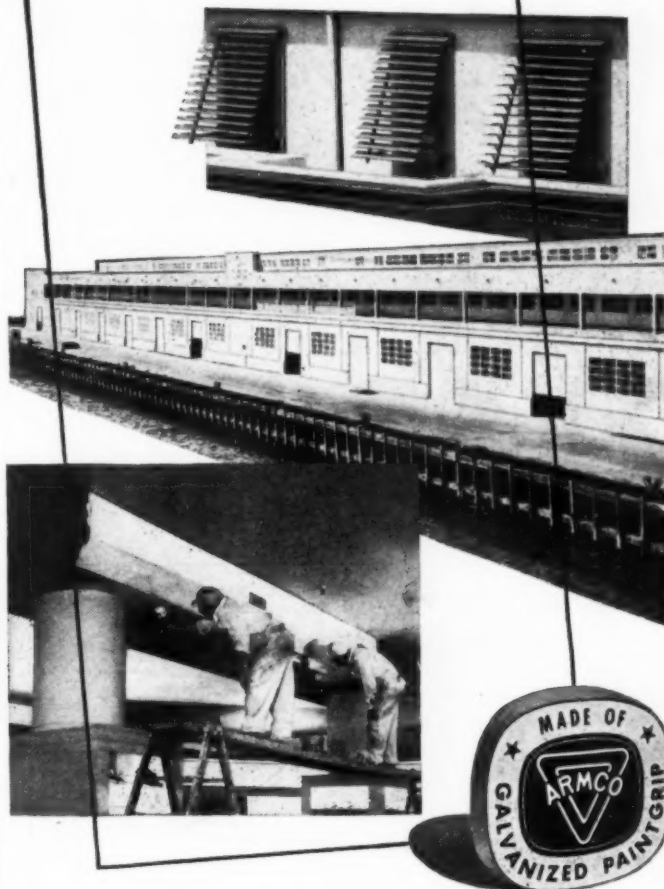
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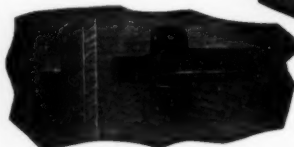
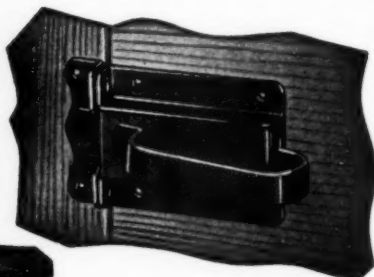
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struction was tried. The technical division of FHA first ruled that such would be necessary; but later this more simple corner was developed and approved and is now being used with complete success as additional houses are set up.

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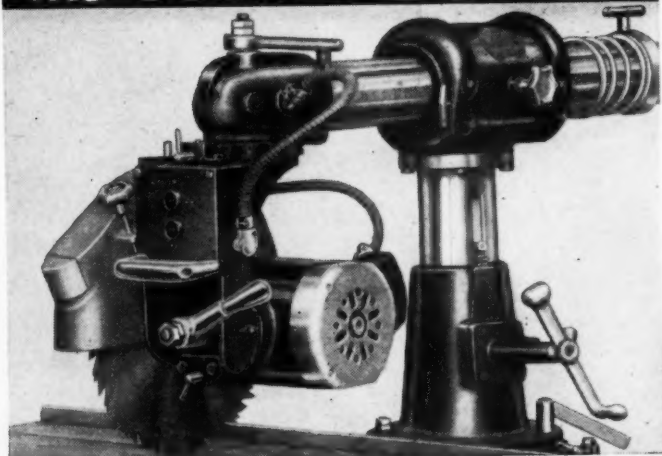
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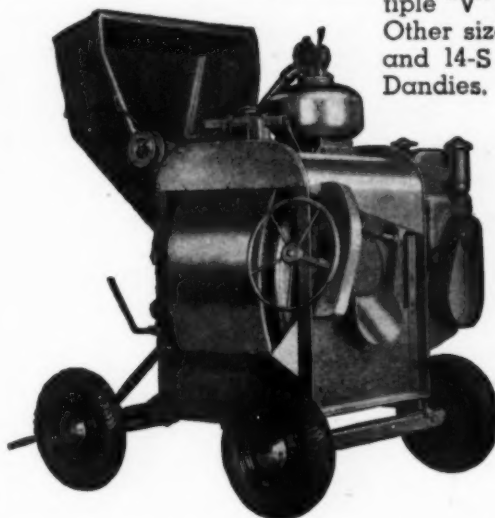
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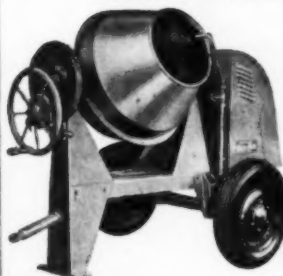
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Holmer was formerly general sales manager of the Mid-State Steel & Wire Company of Crawfordsville, Indiana, distributing farm steel products to a national market of jobbers, lumber dealers, building and hardware supply outlets. Previously he headed Sales for Unity Mills Distributing Company, a concern distributing steel products and building materials to the Northwest market.

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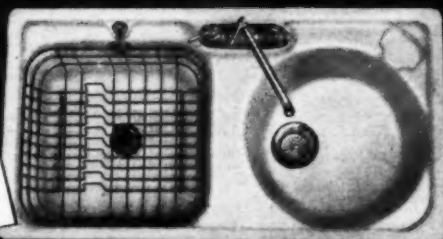
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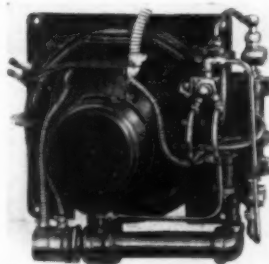


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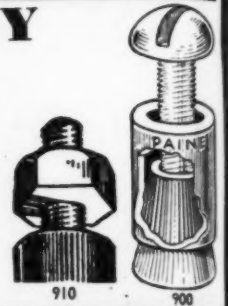
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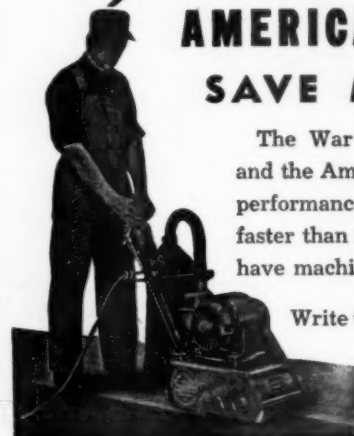


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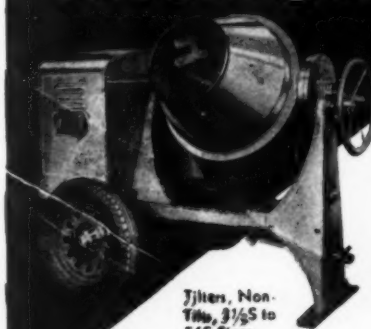
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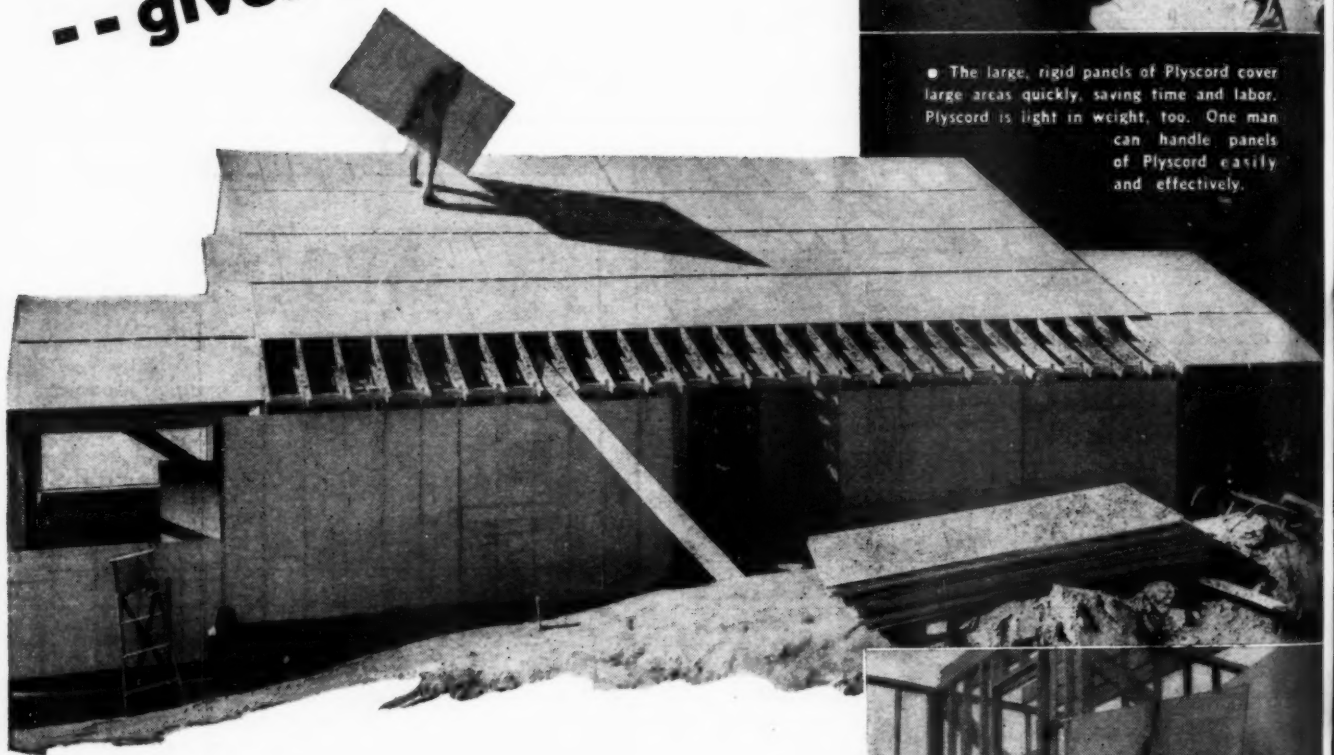


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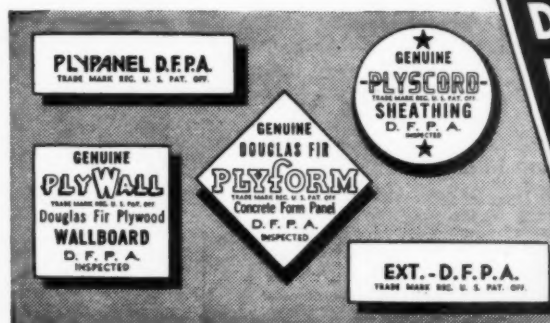
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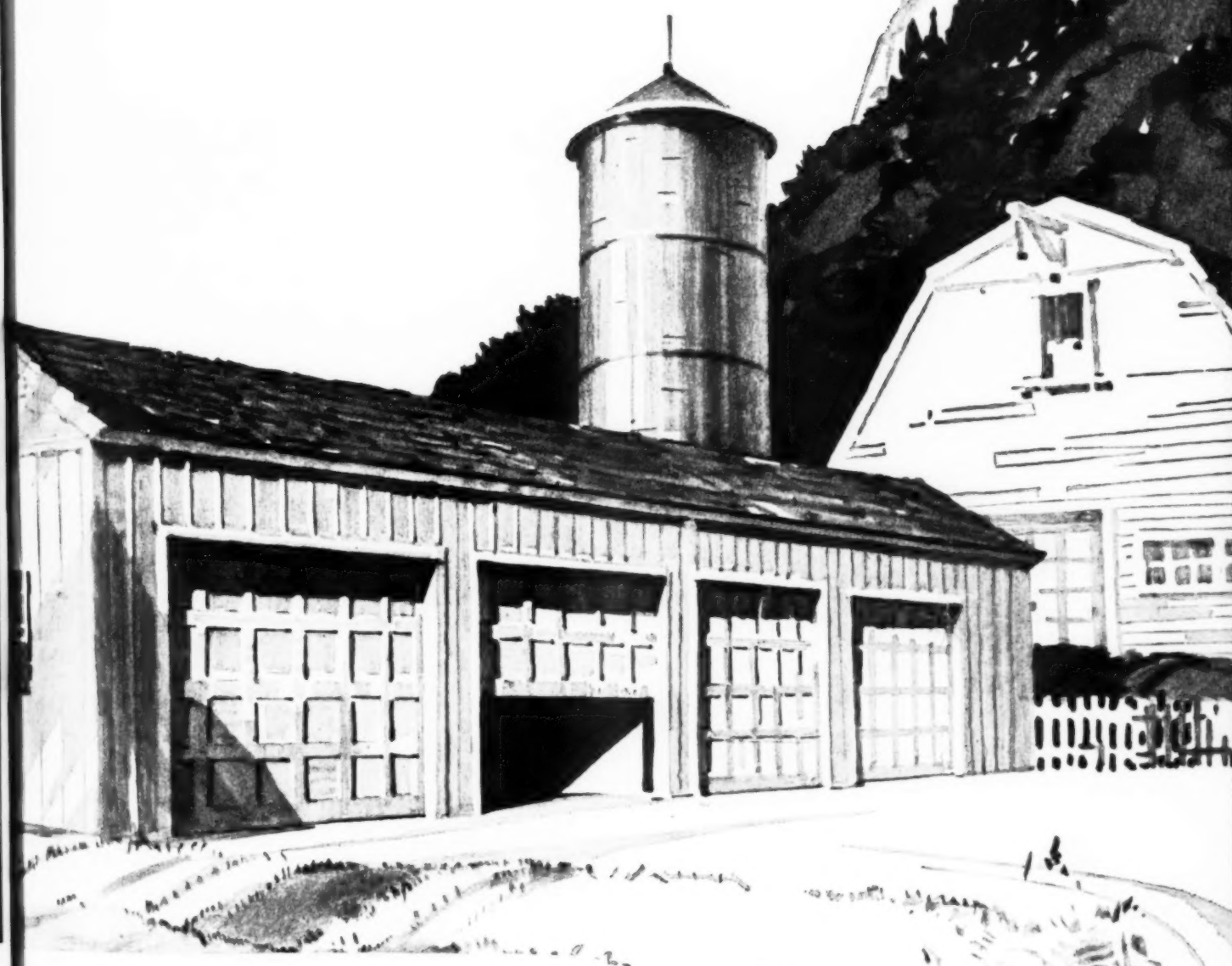
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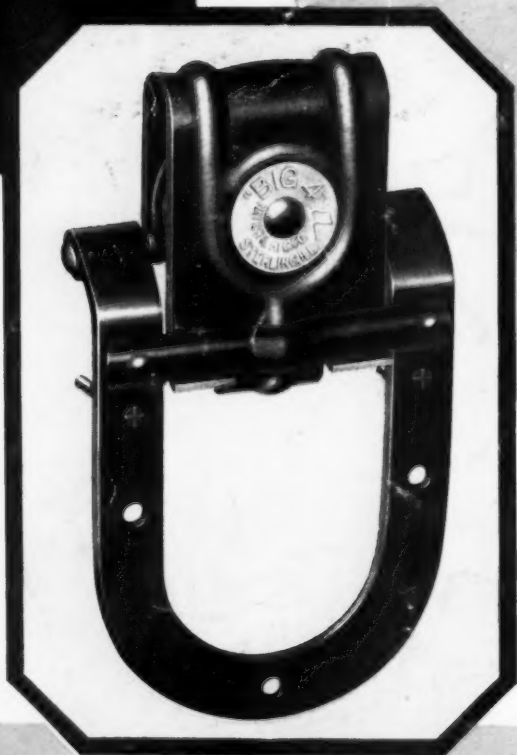
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